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US ex-solon gets 8 years for taking $2.4M in bribes

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SAN DIEGO—FORMER CONgressman Randy "Duke" Cunningham, who collected $2.4 million in homes, yachts, antique furnishings and other bribes in a corruption scheme unmatched in the annals of Congress, was sentenced Friday (Saturday in Manila) to eight years and four months in

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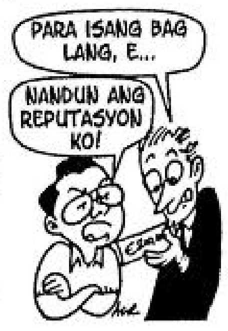
P12M for Pinoy's lost bag; KLM says it's too much

By Dennis Jay Santos
PDI Mindanao Bureau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DR. JOSE TIONGCO won the suit he filed against the Dutch airline KLM. The court awarded him 200,000 euros (P12.25 million).

KLM said Friday that

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7 more in media watched

DOJ chief says monitoring still on; DILG chief says otherwise

By Armand N. Nocum, Gil Cabacungan Jr. and Norman Bordadora

SEVEN MORE PRINT AND broadcast personalities are being monitored for possible inciting to sedition charges, Justice Secretary Raul Gonzalez told the INQUIRER yesterday.

Speaking by phone from Iloilo, Gonzalez said the seven media persons were apart from those on a list prepared by Interior Secretary Ronaldo Puno, who had earlier ordered the filing of sedition charges against Daily Tribune publisher and editor in chief Ninez Cacho-Olivares and two of the paper's columnists.

Inciting to sedition is punishable by a prison term of up to six years.

In an interview on Friday, Gonzalez said the Department of Justice was "currently evaluating the transcript" of ABS-CBN's coverage of the Feb. 26 standoff at Marine headquarters in Fort Bonifacio.

"If warranted, we will file sedition charges against everyone who had something to do with the coverage," he said.

The 6-hour standoff began with Medal of Valor awardee Col. Ariel Querubin leading his men in protest against the relief of Maj. Gen. Renato Miranda, the then Marine commandant.

At one point, President Macapagal-Arroyo's chief of staff, Michael Defensor, called for a news blackout on the standoff that had merited uninterrupted TV and radio coverage.

But Puno yesterday told the INQUIRER that slapping sedition charges on media persons was no longer a top priority, and that the crackdown on the government's perceived enemies would now focus on those who funded and carried out the supposed coup plot against the administration.

"The rebellion was nipped in the bud. We can afford to err on the side of freedom of the press and of expression," Puno said.

Gonzalez said on Friday that the DOJ was studying the tenor of the ABS-CBN coverage of the standoff, which, he said, "might have enticed others to follow" Querubin's call for the public to back his and his men's stand.

In a phone interview yesterday, Maria

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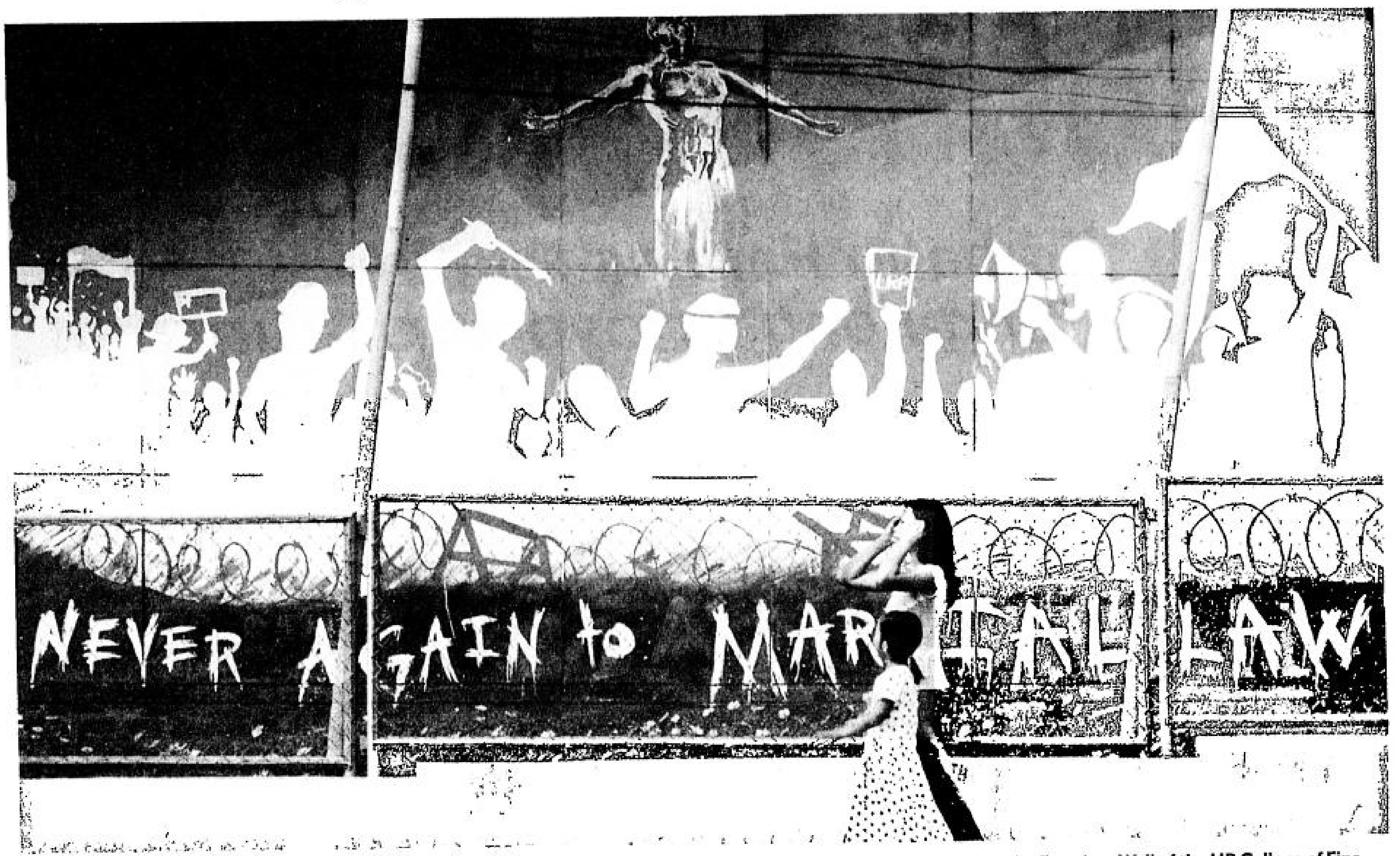

POWER OF FREE SPEECH: There's no way to misunderstand this direct-to-the point, sock-it-to-'em mural splashed on the Freedom Wall of the UP College of Fine Arts painted by its students to protest Presidential Proclamation No. 1017. Even after President Arroyo lifted the edict, the state university in Diliman, Quezon City, continues to hold protest rallies in defiance of the government's blanket order banning all rallies. RAFFY LERMA

GMA reaches out to restive troops, ready for talks

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr. and Dona Pazzibugan

AFTER QUASHING WHAT SHE SAID was a coup attempt against her, President Macapagal-Arroyo is now ready to directly face and talk with the troops, including "disgruntled soldiers."

But she has put on hold proposals for a reconciliation with her other political foes, specifically former President Joseph Estrada, Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye indicated yesterday.

Some presidential advisers have accused Estrada of giving financial support to the Marines, Scout Rangers and Magdalo soldiers linked to the 2003 Oakwood mutiny and other alleged destabilization efforts.

"I believe the President is ready to hold a dialogue with the different sectors of the Armed Forces, " Bunye said in radio interview, when asked if Ms Arroyo was willing to have a face-to-face meeting with restive elements in the Armed Forces.

Reports of widespread discontent among soldiers have persisted despite the administration's apparent success in warding off adventurism in the military ranks, such as the planned march to Edsa by some officers during the recent commemoration of the 1986 People Power revolt.

Bunye said Ms Arroyo had ordered the strengthening of the feedback mechanism in the military on top of instituting reforms.

"There is a need to provide a quick response to their (soldiers') complaints," he said.

Bunye said it might be some time before the government would extend

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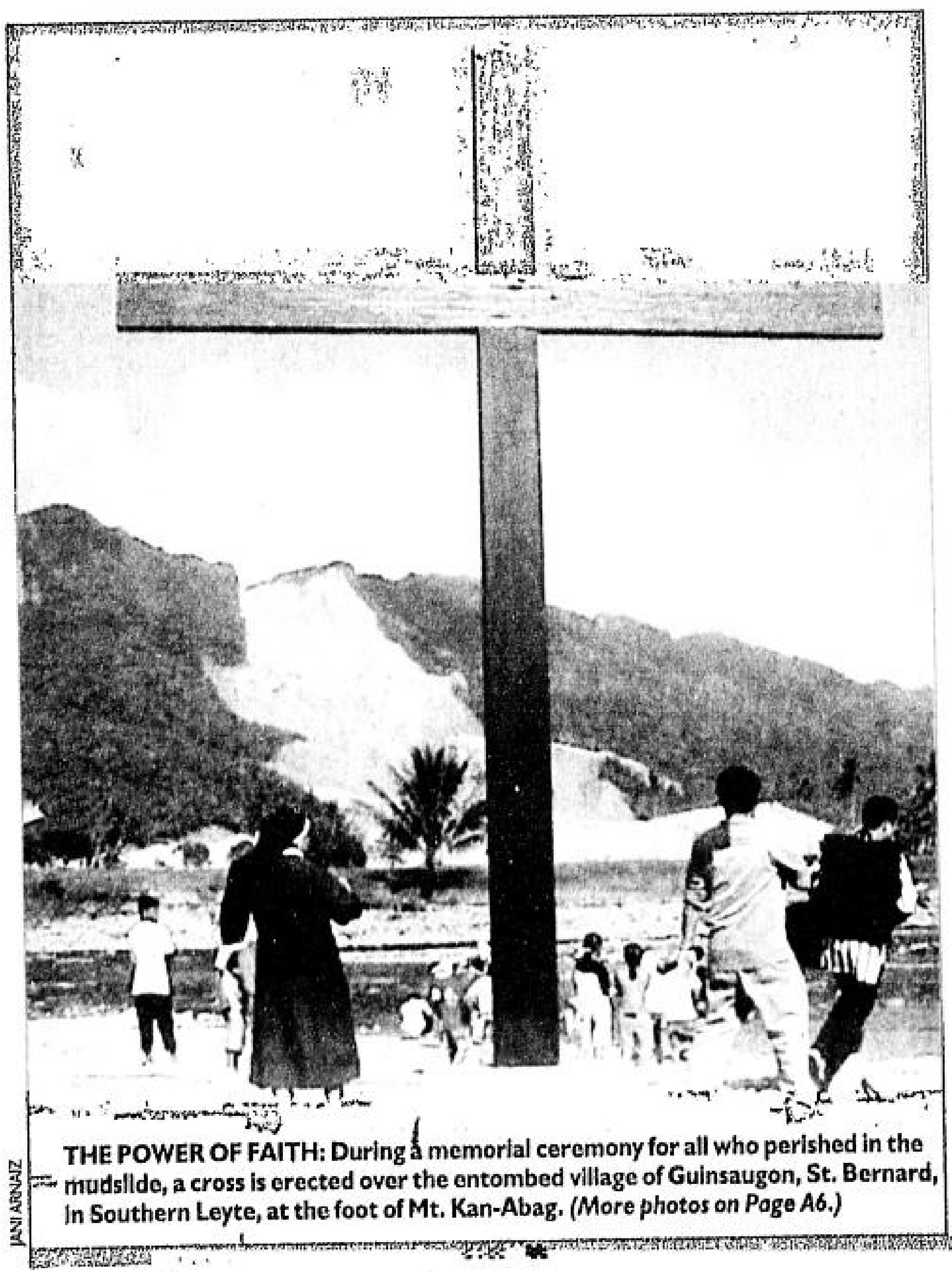

THE POWER OF FAITH: During a memorial ceremony for all who perished in the mudslide, a cross is erected over the entombed village of Guinsaugon, St. Bernard, in Southern Leyte, at the foot of Mt. Kan-Abag. *(More photos on Page A6.)*
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PNP heritage park testimonial to proud, heroic police history

By Luige A. del Puerto

THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE is filled with history.

To acquaint new and future generations with the history of the PNP, a P16-million heritage park is being built inside Camp Crame, the police headquarters in Quezon City.

Officials hope that the proposed 5,000-sqm heritage park will serve as a "living testimony to the greatness of our forebears" and will inspire today's civilians and cops alike to—at the very least—lead honest lives.

"This park will outlive all of us and generations to come. This will be a living testimony to the greatness of our forebears," said retired Chief Supt. Jaime Lasar, who thought of converting an unused, slightly forested area of the camp into a heritage park.

The retired general hopes the park will help restore the image of the police. He holds the view that an officer who is proud of his organization and knowledgeable of its history will not go astray.

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BILLBOARD POWER: A 26,000-sq-ft Rexona advertisement on Edsa by the Guadalupe Bridge is reportedly the world's biggest. It was recently unveiled with a reality show featuring celebrities, police officers and stunt men jumping, rappelling and performing right on the "Xtreme" billboard. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

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WEATHER FORECAST

FORECAST: Northern and Eastern Luzon and the eastern sections of Visayas and Mindanao will experience cloudy skies with scattered rainshowers becoming frequent rains over Aurora, Quezon, Bicol region and Eastern Visayas which may cause flash floods and landslides. The rest of the country will be partly cloudy to cloudy with isolated rainshowers.

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Clark Zone	Partly Cloudy	Gen. Santos	Cloudy with Rains
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Calapan	Cloudy with Rains	Davao	Cloudy with Rains

'Media crackdown silly mistake'

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

THE CRACKDOWN ON THE media during the seven-day state of national emergency was "a clumsy and silly mistake," an economic adviser of President Macapagal-Arroyo's said yesterday.

"The government got the backlash without sending the chill," said Albay Rep. Joey Salceda, who said the perception that the government was impinging on the freedom of the press was one of the key reasons for the lifting of Presidential Proclamation No. 1017.

"Going after Abante and the Daily Tribune was a clumsy and silly mistake that was incorrectly inspired by some imagined expansion of police powers under PP 1017. Yet it triggered the unintended backlash, which should have been avoided from the start," he said.

Salceda said the only viable pretext in justifying increased security at media outfits were for broadcast stations.

"Media outfits are easy targets of destabilizers, like Channel 7 during the coup attempts under the Aquino administration, and police presence is necessary to preempt this. Elsewhere, it is so useless and even counterproductive because the print media are not a public utility, as envisioned under constitutional provisions cited by PP 1017 for takeover during an emergency," he said.

Salceda said that since the crackdown was naturally associated with PP 1017, "the only way to reassure the media was to lift it even though media behavior during the entire episode hardly proved any chilling effect of the proclamation."

Gov't closing in on financiers of coup – DOJ

By Armand N. Nocum

THE GOVERNMENT IS TIGHTening the noose on the suspected financiers of the foiled plot to overthrow the government, according to Justice Secretary Raul Gonzalez.

Gonzalez said Department of Justice investigators have identified one suspect as a person surnamed "Go" and were checking whether he was part of the family that owned Equitable PCI Bank.

Also being investigated are Representatives Robert "Dudut" Jaworski Jr. and Ding Tanjuatco, who are alleged to have been among several dozen businessmen and politicians present at a meeting at the residence of Jose "Peping" Cojuangco on the eve of the reported coup attempt on Feb. 23.

Gonzalez said the suspected coup financiers could be sued for "conspiring to commit rebellion" and imprisoned for up to 20 years.

The crime of conspiracy to commit rebellion was a serious offense punishable by up to "12 to 20 years," he said.

Gonzalez said Jaworski and Tanjuatco were named in the Time magazine article on the Feb. 23 meeting in which Pastor "Boy" Saycon was alleged to have called someone believed to have been Brig. Gen. Danilo Lim, one of the alleged plotters.

Time reporter won't sing

But Gonzalez said government investigators were having difficulty pinning down the suspected financiers as Time correspondent Nelly Sindayen, who reported the story, was not being very cooperative.

He said the National Bureau of Investigation had "invited" Sindayen to lunch last week.

Gonzalez said investigators were also checking whether the P8 million that deposed President Joseph Estrada had given to the Marines and the Scout Rangers had come from the P130 million that Estrada's daughter, Jacky Ejercito-Lopez, reportedly withdrew from a bank last year.

Chance withdrawal

He said it was more than coincidence that the money was withdrawn around the time the Saludo sa Kawal Pilipino Foundation, which was established by Estrada, gave money to the military units, some of whose leaders were implicated in the foiled coup plot.

Jacky's husband, Manuel "Beaver" Lopez, runs the foundation. Lopez and Estrada claimed that the money was meant to give "Christmas cheer" to the soldiers, not fund a coup.

Gonzalez said Jacky and her half-brother, San Juan Mayor JV Ejercito, withdrew the money in two tranches — P100 million first and then P30 million — from the Metrobank main office last year.

He said the money came from JELP Real Estate Development Corp., whose corporate name stands for the initials of Joseph Estrada and his wife Luisa Pimentel, the maiden name of Sen. Loi Estrada.

The company, which started with P14.4-million in capital in 1992, saw its assets rise to P194.2 million during the first year of Estrada's presidency.

Gonzalez said the "destabilization campaign fund" eventually reached P200 million, and was used to fund protest rallies and the recruitment of military and police officers and men.

Cory real target?

Senate Minority Leader Aquilino Pimentel, meanwhile, claimed that former President Cory Aquino was the "real target" of the investigation into the suspected coup links of Peping Cojuangco, a brother of Aquino and Saycon.

He said Malacañang wanted to portray Aquino as "a key player" in the attempted coup and "possibly initiate charges against her" for demanding the resignation of President Macapagal-Arroyo.

"Perhaps by linking her to the coup, the administration thinks it may cow Mrs. Aquino into giving up her efforts to persuade President Arroyo to step down," said Pimentel.

Cojuangco and Saycon have denied any involvement in the attempted coup, claiming that the meeting concerned preparations for the commemoration of the 20th anniversary of the 1986 People Power Revolt.

Despite what he claimed was "thin evidence that has surfaced" against the two, Malacañang was determined to implicate Cojuangco and Saycon so it could pin down Aquino, Pimentel said. *With Philip Tubeza*

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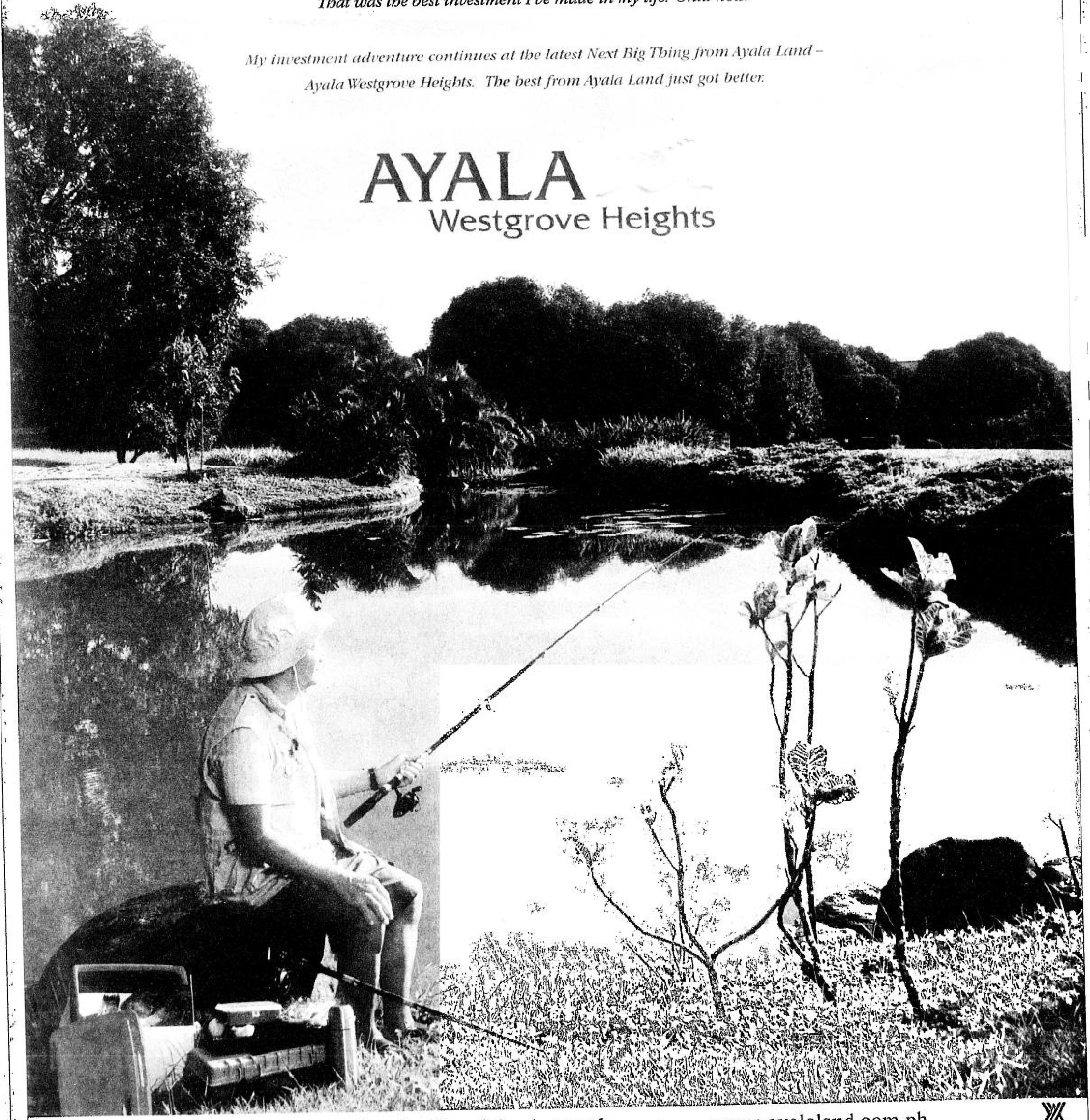

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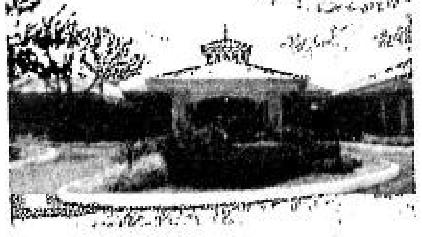

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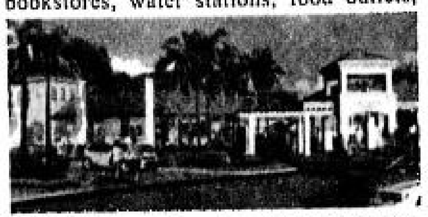

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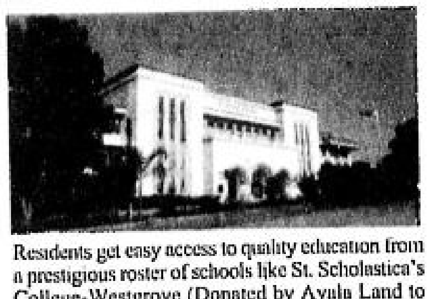

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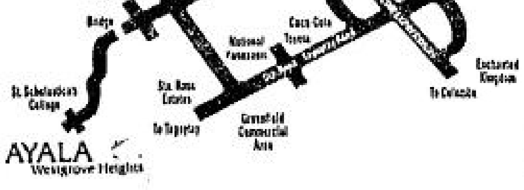
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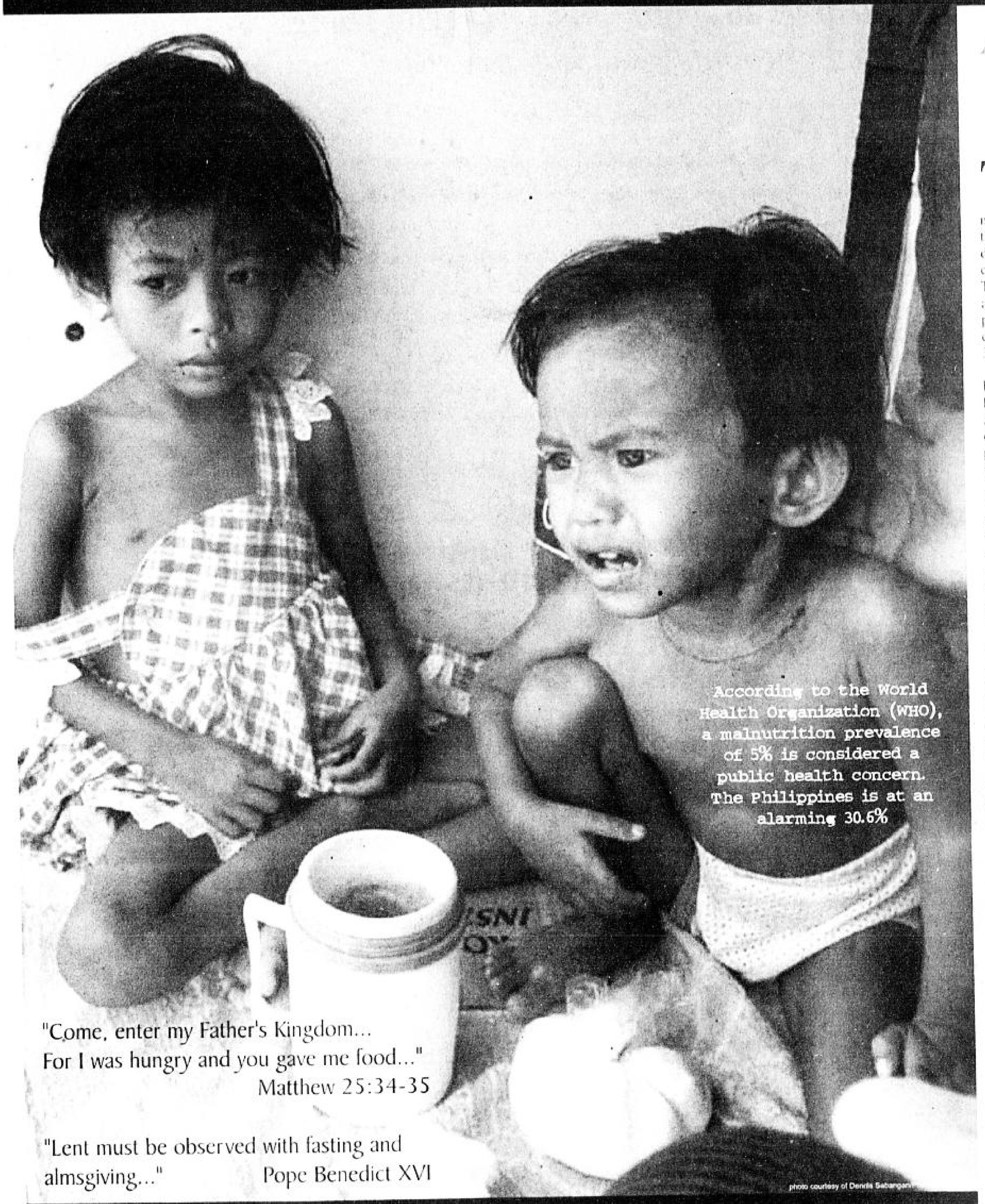

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Pope Benedict names new archbishop

By Jerome Aning

THE VATICAN YESTERDAY ANNOUNCED THAT Pope Benedict XVI has appointed the Most Rev. Antonio Ledesma, bishop of Ipil and Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines vice president, as the new archbishop of Cagayan de Oro.

The Pope also appointed Msgr. George Rimando, a senior clergyman in the Diocese of Tagum, as auxiliary bishop of Davao to assist Davao Archbishop Fernando Capalla.

The appointments were announced by outgoing Papal Nuncio Archbishop Antonio Franco.

Ledesma, 62, succeeds Archbishop Jesus Tuquib, who resigned when he turned 75 last year in accordance with canon law. Tuquib has served the Cagayan de Oro see since 1984.

Born in Iloilo City, Ledesma was ordained a priest in 1973 and became bishop of the Prelature of Ipil in 1996. He was elected CBCP vice president in July last year.

The prelate is known for his stand on environmental issues such as illegal logging and mining. He is also one of the few Filipino bishops who maintains a blogsite.

Ledesma's new assignment, the metropolitan see of Cagayan de Oro, covers the provinces of Misamis Oriental and Occidental, Camiguin and a town in Bukidnon. It has four suffragan dioceses: Butuan, Malaybalay, Tandag and Surigao.

Born in Tagum City, Rimando is 53 years old. He studied Philosophy at St. Francis Xavier College Seminary in Davao City and took up Theology at the San Jose Major Seminary in Quezon City.

Rimando earned a master's degree in Theology at the Ateneo de Manila University's Loyola School of Theology and a second one in Organization, Development and Planning.

Ordained a priest in 1980, Rimando first served as associate pastor at the San Isidro Labrador Parish in Kapalong, Davao del Norte. He became dean of the Queen of Apostles College Seminary in Tagum in 1981, and was named its rector two years later.

Rimando went on to hold various positions in the Diocese of Tagum, culminating in his 1993 appointments as Vicar Forane for the Our Lady of Fatima Vicariate, administrator of the Our Lady of the Assumption Quasi-Parish and ex-officio member of the Diocesan Board of Consultors.

THE DAILY GOSPEL

Sunday, March 5, 2006
1st Sunday of Lent

1st Reading: Genesis 9:8-15

Reminder of the divine promise

God spoke to Noah and his son, "See I am making a covenant with you and with your descendants after you; also with every living animal with you: birds, cattle, that is, with every living creature of the earth that came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you. Never again will all life be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again will there be a flood to destroy the earth."

God said, "This is the sign of the covenant I make between me and you, and every animal living with you for all future generations. I set my bow in the clouds and it will be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the rainbow appears in the clouds, I will remember the covenant between me and you and every kind of living creature, so that never again will floodwaters destroy all flesh."

2nd Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22

Victory over sin and death

Remember how Christ died, once and for all, for our sins. He, the just one, died for the unjust in order to lead us to God. He died as humans do, but was raised to life by the Spirit, and it was then that he went to preach to the imprisoned spirits. They were the generation who did not believe when God, in his great patience, delayed punishing the world while Noah was building the ark in which a small group of eight persons escaped through water. That was a type of the baptism that now saves you; this baptism is not a matter of physical cleansing but of asking God to reconcile us through the resurrection of Christ Jesus. He has ascended to heaven and is at the right hand of God, having subjected the angels, Dominations and Powers.

Gospel: Mark 1:12-15

Temptation of Jesus

Then the Spirit drove Jesus into the desert. Jesus stayed in the desert forty days and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, but angels ministered to him.

After John was arrested, Jesus went into Galilee and began preaching the Good News of God. He said, "The time has come; the kingdom of God is at hand. Change your ways and believe the Good News."

Commentary

On this first Sunday of Lent we hear of water and the ark that saved creation and all that was made from the flood. We also hear of the bow in the clouds that signals the new creation and the covenant of God with all that He created. Never again will waters destroy the earth.

And Peter reminds us that just as Noah and a few persons escaped, now we escape through the waters of baptism! It too is a covenant with God, and a promise to live with a clear conscience through the resurrection of Jesus. We live now, with Jesus, or as the rite says: We live now, hidden with Christ in God, held in the Spirit's grasp, resisting evil and being the good news of God for all.

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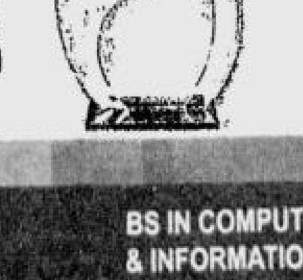

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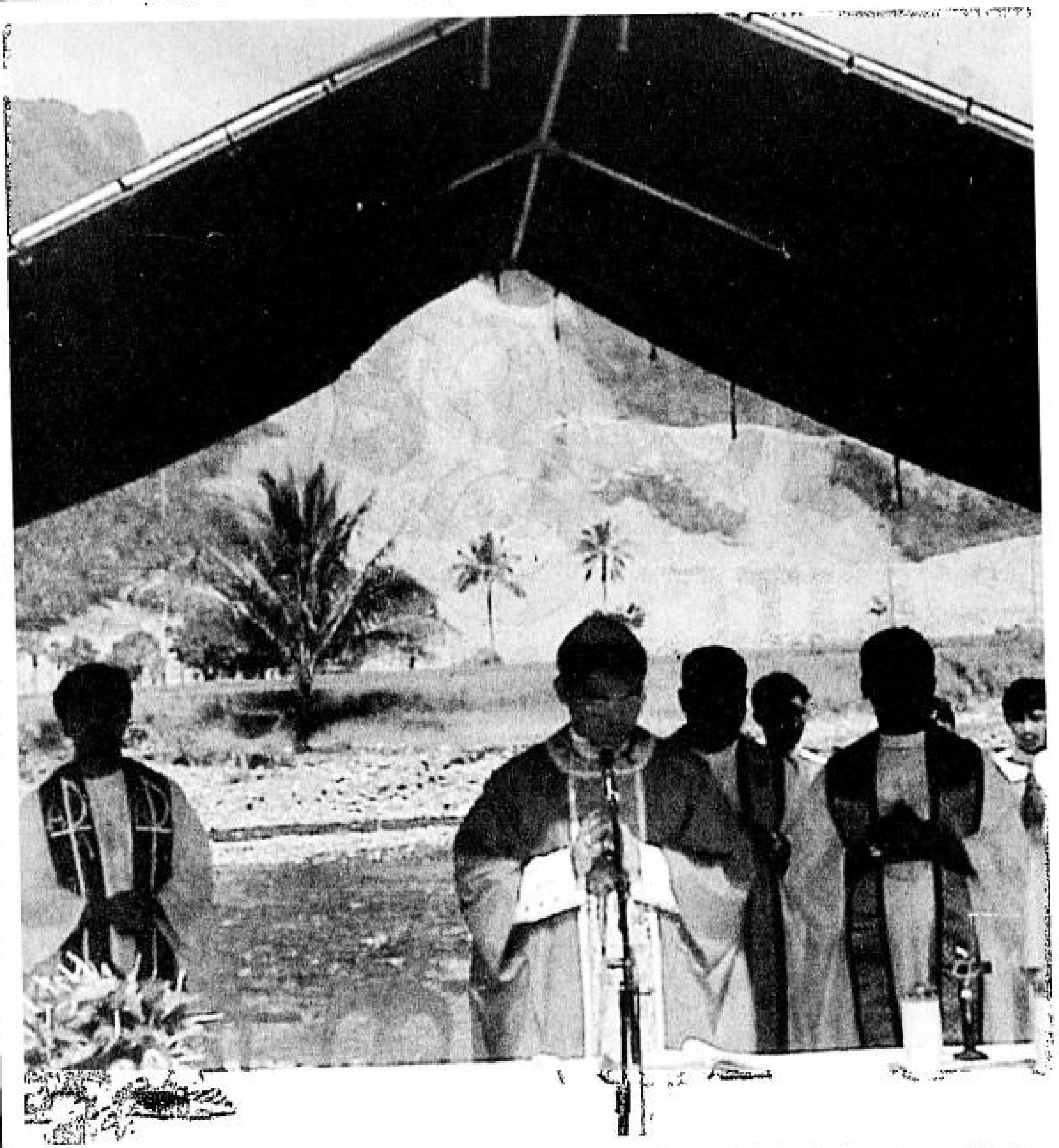

THE BEST PRAYER, the Mass, is said for the eternal repose of the souls of the victims who perished in the Southern Leyte village at the foot of a mountain that collapsed. JANI ARNAIZ

CROSSING THE RUBICON, as it were. There's no turning back for the homeless and bereaved residents of Guinsaugon . JANI ARNAIZ

LAMENTATIONS punctuate the solemnity of the memorial rites at the site of the village that once was. JANI ARNAIZ

Relocation of two villages near Guinsaugon urged

THE MINES AND GEOSCIENCES Bureau has recommended the relocation of an estimated 127 families from Barangay Guinsaugon's neighboring communities due to the possibility of more landslides and flash floods in the area, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources said yesterday.

A DENR press statement said the recommendation was made to Southern Leyte Gov. Rosette Lerias and St. Bernard Mayor Maria Lim during a meeting of the local disaster coordinating council in the area.

The DENR said that a survey of the area showed that residents of Barangays Magatas and Sugangon located west of the now-buried Guinsaugon were in danger of being swamped by landslides and flash floods because of heavy rains. According to the latest census, the residents of of Magatas comprised 69 families while 58 families lived in Sugangon.

Environment Secretary Angelo Reyes had ordered geologists from the Mines and Geosciences Bureau to assess the landslide areas in St. Bernard and to identify relocation sites for survivors.

The bureau has identified seven new relocation sites covering 33 hectares in seven different barangays, bringing to 11 the number of relocation areas for Guinsaugon survivors and those who may need to be relocated.

Meanwhile, the Department of Public Works and Highways said it was too early to plan engineering measures to prevent new disasters in the Guinsaugon area, other than relocating threatened neighborhoods.

"There are no plans yet from our end as we were advised that the place is vulnerable to more landslides," said Emmanuel Bonoan, DPWH undersecretary for operations, said in Angeles City last Friday. "It's better for the residents to relocate," Bonoan said.

The agency has been safeguarding the only lifeline to the affected villages, the Tacloban-Ormoc highway, which is a much longer route that takes five to six hours to negotiate. The regular and much shorter route on the Maharlika Highway was closed by landslides before the Guinsaugon avalanche struck on Feb. 17.

The Agas-Agas Bridge and its approaches were being restored at a cost of P300 million, DPWH Assistant Secretary Rafael Yabut said.

The provincial government on Friday turned the 300-ha wasteland in Guinsaugon into a sanctuary in honor of about 1,000 people believed to have been buried alive there. In a gesture of respect for the dead, the site was blessed with holy water, planted with a Cross and declared off limits to future construction activities.*Norman Bordadora, Tonette Orejas, PDI Central Luzon Desk*

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the amount was too much to pay for losing a bag and would appeal the fine imposed by a Philippine court.

Tiongco said KLM could be missing the point when it said the penalty was too much for a missing bag.

"It's not about the money, it's not about the lost baggage," Tiongco, a neurosurgeon based in Davao City, said yesterday.

The court awarded the damages last month to Tiongco who lost his suitcase eight years ago en route from Manila to Almaty, Kazakhstan, where he was giving a lecture at a World Health Organization conference.

Jeans, T-shirt

Tiongco claimed his reputation had suffered when he stood before his audience in jeans, T-shirt and sneakers.

The court based its ruling under the principle of the Warsaw Convention and a provision of the Philippine Civil Code that mandates carriers to observe extraordinary diligence in handling the goods and safety of passengers.

The court also highlighted the humiliation suffered by Tiongco when he delivered a speech during the WHO conference.

In Amsterdam, KLM spokesperson Youssef Eddini said the airline would be appealing the decision, which Judge Jesus Quitain of the Regional Trial Court Branch 10 in Davao City handed down recently.

Eddini said the penalty was a "tremendous amount of money"—a KLM record for losing a bag.

He said that the passenger was scheduled to fly from Manila to Singapore, then to Amsterdam, Frankfurt and Almaty. But when the Singapore flight was delayed, he missed the Frankfurt connection and was rerouted to Istanbul on Turkish Airlines.

"We do not know on which leg the suitcase was lost," Eddini said. "In the airline business, it is common that in such cases the last airline is responsible for lost luggage."

On Nov. 26, 1998, Tiongco could not find his single hard-case luggage containing his formal attire and documents during a stopover in Frankfurt, Germany.

"I was so furious," he said when airline personnel could notfind the bag.

No apology

"They were so rude and did not even offer an apology," he added.

He arrived and spoke at the WHO summit only in his blue jeans, sweatshirt and jogging shoes.

When he returned to the Philippines, Tiongco decided to file a civil case against KLM. His niece, lawyer Socorro Cabreros, built up the case for him.

Cabreros said the case they filed in 1999 dragged on for years but it was worth the wait when Quitain penalized KLM.

Tiongco said he was only asserting his rights when he sued KLM. *With a report from AP*

US ex-solon gets 8 years for taking $2.4M in bribes, largest in annals of US Congress

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FORMER US Representative Randy "Duke" Cunningham before his sentencing. REUTERS

prison and was immediately taken into custody.

Cunningham, a former "Top Gun" military flying ace who resigned in disgrace late last year, received what attorneys for both sides described as the longest sentence ever for a member of Congress. US District Judge Larry Burns spared Cunningham the 10-year maximum. The defense had asked for six years.

Cunningham's disgrace is the latest legal scandal to engulf President George W. Bush's beleaguered party. The jail sentence comes less than two months after Congressman Tom DeLay, a close political ally of Bush, quit as Republican majority leader in the House of Representatives after becoming mired in a campaign finance scandal.

DeLay was forced to step aside after he was indicted in Texas in a campaign finance case in which he was accused of laundering corporate contributions for use in Republican campaigns in the state.

Cunningham, a Republican who represented San Diego-area districts for 15 years, pleaded guilty to accepting bribes from defense contractors and others in exchange for steering government contracts their way. They included a Rolls-Royce, a yacht, homes, travel, meals, Persian rugs valued at $40,000 each and various antique furnishings.

Among Cunningham's acquisitions was a 687-square-meter mansion in Rancho Santa Fe, California, one of America's wealthiest communities. Cunningham also was ordered to forfeit his share of proceeds from the sale of the home, bought with the help of bribes from defense contractors, which sold in December for $2.6 million. The exact amount has not been determined, but is likely to be hundreds of thousands of dollars.

"Your honor I have ripped my life to shreds due to my actions, my actions that I did to. myself," Cunningham said before the sentence was announced.

Congressional pension

Cunningham, 64, was ordered to pay $1.8 million in restitution for back taxes. He also must forfeit an additional $1.85 million for cash bribes he received, plus the proceeds from the sale of his mansion. Burns said Cunningham must pay the restitution at a rate of $1,500 a month while in prison and $1,000 monthly when he's released.

Former US presidential candidate John Kerry said it was a disgrace that Cunningham would retain his $40,000-a-year congressional pension while serving jail time.

"It is wrong that hardworking taxpayers are funding the retirement of convicted criminals. We need to pass legislation to rewrite these rules that fly in the face of common sense," he said in a statement.

Military service credited

The judge credited Cunningham for his military service and for standing in front of the courthouse in November and taking responsibility for his crimes and resigning from Congress.

He declined to impose the 10-year jail term that prosecutors had sought, saying that Cunningham's two tours of service as an ace fighter pilot in the Vietnam War warranted a reduction in the maximum sentence.

"I credit that service," the judge said. "I think the country owes you a debt for that," he said of the eight-term congressman, who used the code name "Duke" in the military because he admired tough guy movie icon John Wayne.

Looking at Cunningham, the judge told him: "You weren't wet. You weren't cold. You weren't hungry and yet you did these things."

"I think what you've done is you've undermined the opportunity that honest politicians have to do a good job," the judge said. "The amount of money involved emasculates prior bribery crimes."

Bad knees

The judge said Cunningham would be eligible for good behavior reductions of as much as 15 percent of the sentence.

Cunningham, who has bad knees, a thyroid condition and has undergone two surgeries for prostate cancer, will be evaluated by prison doctors before he is sent to a jail for confinement.

Prosecutors were satisfied with the sentence, Assistant US Attorney Jason Forge said outside court.

"It's not what we wanted, but it was very close," he said.

Unprecedented

The scale of his wrongdoing surpasses anything in the history of Congress, according to official Senate and House historians. "In the sheer dollar amount, it's unprecedented," Deputy House Historian Fred W. Beutler said Friday.

In arguments over sentencing, Assistant US Attorney Phil Halpern told the judge that just as Cunningham's crimes were unprecedented, "so too should be his punishment."

While the congressman was living the good life, "he was squandering precious tax dollars for, among other things, systems the military didn't ask for, didn't need, and frequently didn't use," Halpern said.

Defense attorney Lee Blalack contended that a 10-year term would amount to a death sentence, based on survival projections taking into account Cunningham's age and history of prostate cancer.

Humiliated beyond belief

"This man has been humiliated beyond belief by his own hand," Blalack said.

Prior to Friday, the longest sentence imposed on a current or former member of Congress in the past four decades were the eight-year terms imposed on both former Congressmen Mario Biaggi, a New York Democrat, and James Traficant, an Ohio Democrat, according to court documents. Beutler said he could not conclusively determine Friday whether Cunningham's sentence was the longest ever for a current or former member of Congress.

The sentence reverberated in Washington, DC.

"It is my hope that Congressman Cunningham will spend his incarceration thinking long and hard about how he broke the trust of the voters that elected him and those on Capitol Hill who served with him," House Speaker Dennis Hastert, a Republican, said in a statement.

Cunningham pleaded guilty Nov. 28 to charges of tax evasion and a conspiracy involving four others. Defense contractor Mitchell Wade pleaded guilty last month to plying Cunningham with more than $1 million in gifts over four years. The remaining three co-conspirators have been identified as Brent Wilkes, a San Diego defense contractor; New York businessman Thomas Kontogiannis; and John T. Michael, Kontogiannis' nephew.

In Congress, Cunningham pushed for stiff sentences on criminals. In 1995, he was an early sponsor of the "No Frills Prison Act" that had it passed would have ensured no federal money went to state prisons where inmates were allowed porn, unmonitored phone calls or TVs and hot plates in their cells. *AP, AFP*

Reds were in Metro for coup, says Army official

COMMUNIST GUERRILLAS HAD infiltrated Metro Manila and were ready to support a coup against President Macapagal-Arroyo, a military spokesperson said yesterday. The communists, however, quickly denied the claim.

Maj. Bartolome Baccaro of the Philippine Army said in a radio interview that the infiltration was part of an alliance between communist insurgents and military rebels that prompted Ms Arroyo's proclamation of a state of national emergency last week. It was lifted on Friday.

"There was an understanding of these groups... they had a common objective of overthrowing President Gloria Arroyo," Bacarro said.

"They were ready to move in support if needed. They wanted to escalate whatever happened in relation to the coup (attempt)," he said.

Interviewed on the same radio show, NPA spokesperson Gregorio Rosal denied there was an alliance between military rebels and the communist insurgents, saying that "the alliance of the military and the communists... is not true. There is no conspiracy. There is no coup plot."

He said the communists had not abandoned their principle of conducting a Maoist "protracted people's war," and had not embraced the idea of seizing power through a coup.

Rosal also belittled Ms Arroyo's lifting of the state of national emergency, saying "it is a paper lifting because all the effects have not been removed."

Baccaro said the Armed Forces had a recording of an earlier interview Rosal gave to another radio station "where the latter admitted the insurgents were making an effort to forge an alliance with the (military rebels) and that the results had been positive."

"They are denying it now but before, they were saying they had such an alliance," the major said.

As part of the effort to forestall the alleged coup attempt, the government banned street rallies in key areas, relieved three military and police officials of their commands, jailed a leftist congressman and sought the arrest of over a dozen opposition figures. *AFP*

AFP wants ROTC made mandatory again for studes

CEBU CITY – THE ARMED FORCES OF THE Philippines is pushing to make the Reserve Officers Training Corps (ROTC) mandatory again for all male college students.

Military officials here said the number of students enrolling in ROTC had dropped tremendously since 2002, when the military training became optional for college students.

They said making ROTC mandatory again would re-instill discipline among the youth and prevent them from getting involved in fraternities and drugs.

In furtherance of this, the AFP and ROTC Corps commanders opened on Friday a nationwide convention in this city to advocate the return of the mandatory ROTC program.

Col. Guillermo C. Luyao Jr., 7th Regional Community Defense Group commander, said officials of different schools had asked the military to lobby Congress to make ROTC mandatory again.

"School officials noticed the lack of discipline among freshmen college students and our objective is to instill discipline in them," Luyao said.

AFP Central Command spokesperson Lt. Col. Jefferson Omandam said ROTC training was important even if the students were not going to join the AFP.

"Basic military training is essential to all males in cases of emergency. This could help them individually and collectively, especially in village defense," he said.

After Republic Act No. 9163, otherwise known as the National Service Training Program, was enacted in 2001, ROTC became optional among male college students.

Since then, the number of cadets in Central Visayas dropped to a little over 5,000 from a high of 40,000 when it was mandatory, Luyao said.

Nationwide, the number of ROTC cadets stood at 80,000 from a previous high of 250,000, he said.

The convention held at the Ecotech Center in this city was attended by Maj. Gen. Alfonso Crusero, commanding general of the 3rd Infantry Division of the Philippine Army based in Jamindan, Capiz, and Brig. Gen. Emmanuel Cayson, commanding general of the Army Reserve Command based in Tanza, Cavite.

It was attended by 169 ROTC Corps commanders from the Army, 17 from the Navy and six from the Air Force.

The three-day convention ends today with Defense Secretary Avelino Cruz as guest speaker. *Jhunnex Napallacan, PDI Visayas Bureau*

NPA says it uses 'legit' land mines

LUCENA CITY – GREGORIO ROSAL, spokesperson of the communist New People's Army, yesterday reiterated the communist rebels' position that they do not use land mines that are banned under the United Nations Geneva Convention.

Rosal said the communist guerrillas only use command-detonated explosives aimed at "specific and legitimate military targets."

"They are different from the booby trap form of land mine, which is victim-detonated and which is the one prohibited by the UN Geneva Convention," Rosal said in a mobile phone interview.

Rosal said it was "unfortunate" that a civilian was killed in the NPA ambush of a group of policemen in Puerto Galera, Oriental Mindoro, last Friday.

Police claimed the rebels had used a land mine in the ambush that killed two policemen and a civilian.

Philippine National Police spokesperson Senior Supt. Samuel Pagdilao denounced the attack as a violation of international conventions prohibiting the use of land mines in warfare.

According to the Philippine Campaign to Ban Land Mines, at least 248 people have been killed or wounded by land mines and unexploded ordnances from 1999 to the middle of 2005.

The PCBLM said the government had yet to address the indiscriminate use of land mines by belligerents.

According to PCBLM coordinator Soliman M. Santos Jr., since 2000, four House bills and one Senate bill on land mines have been filed in Congress but have not been enacted into law, "because they are low priority." *Delfin T. Mallari Jr., PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

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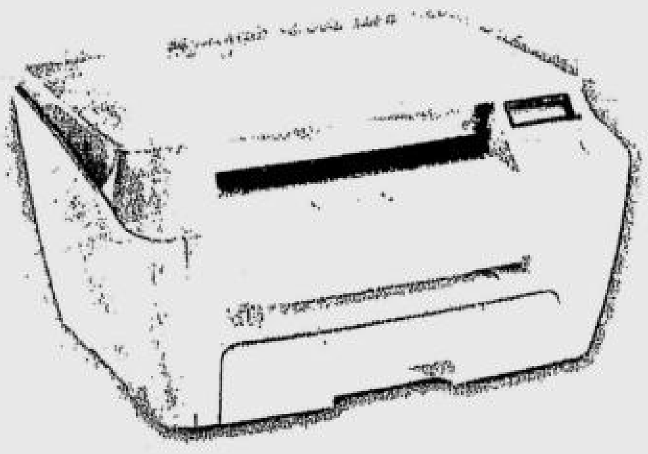

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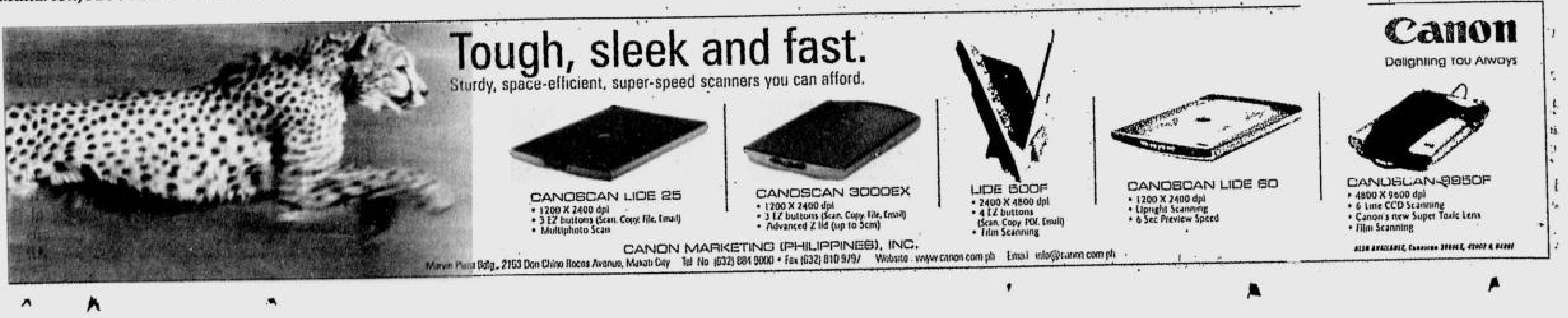

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Hostage looks forward to returning to Nigeria

By Nikko Dizon

ANTHONY SANTOS, THE FILIPINO worker held hostage with several other people by armed militants in Nigeria, says fervent prayer helped him and his companions get through their 11-day ordeal, but he looks forward to resuming his job in that West African nation after resting for two to three months with his family in the Philippines.

With tears in his eyes and holding his crying wife Helen firmly by the hand, Santos recounted his experience at a brief news conference upon his arrival at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport Friday night.

"We survived by praying," he told reporters in Filipino. Mainly, he said, he and his eight companions prayed that the Nigerian government would not do anything drastic to end the stand-off because the militants had threatened to turn their hostages into human shields.

Santos broke into tears upon seeing his wife and their two young sons, Mark Ian and Angel, who had come all the way from Olongapo City with a handful of relatives to meet him at the airport.

The 33-year-old worker embraced his family tightly and they all wept unabashedly.

Despite his harrowing experience, Santos said he would return to his job in Nigeria after a rest of two or three months here.

"If I stayed here we'd all go hungry and become thin. Just look at my children, they are so big," Santos said, drawing laughter from the reporters and government officials who were at the press conference.

But 10-year-old Angel said he would rather that his father stayed in the Philippines .

"I prayed for him so hard," he said.

Santos, three Americans, two Egyptians, two Thais and a Briton were seized on Feb. 18 while on a pipe-laying barge at the Niger Delta. Two of the Americans and the Briton are still being held by the rebels.

Militant youths from the Movement for the Emancipation of the Niger Delta (MEND) had declared "total war" against all foreign oil interests in the Delta.

Santos said he and his companions were treated well by the militants.

"They bought us pants and shirts, made us sleep in air-conditioned rooms, but we only ate twice a day," Santos recalled.

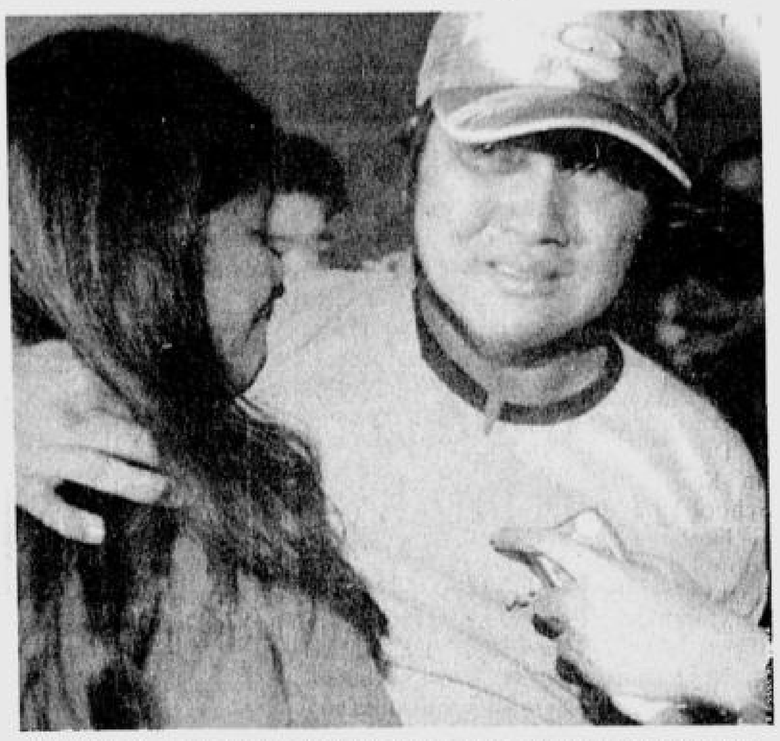
But there were the threats, too, that tested their sanity.

"They would scare us by threatening to blindfold us, hang us in the forest then shoot us. Then, after three minutes, they would say that we should not worry because they would not do that," Santos said.

Esteban Conejos Jr., undersecretary of foreign affairs for overseas workers said the Nigerian government negotiated the release of the workers, together with their employer, Willbros Group.

Santos expressed his gratitude to the Philippine Embassy in Nigeria as well as the Nigerian government, the Filipino community in Nigeria and his family for their prayers.

Conejos reminded Filipino workers to take extra care in their places of work, as well as heed advisories issued by their host governments.



A TEARFUL Anthony Santos is hugged by his wife upon arrival at the Naia.
JESS YUSON

T'hankee stabbed

MURDER CONVICT CLAUDIO TEEHANKEE Jr. was stabbed in the back by an inmate who became enraged when lunch was delayed at the New Bilibid Prisons in Muntinlupa yesterday.

Teehankee, who is serving a life term for the 1991 killing of Roland Chapman and Maureen Hultman, was escorting a visitor to the main gate of the maximum security compound at 2 p.m. when the inmate, a certain Ocampo attacked the person nearest him.

"It just happened that it was Teehankee who was near," a source at the NBP said.

Teehankee, a son of the late Chief Justice Claudio Teehankee, was rushed to the Asian Hospital in Alabang, where doctors pronounced him out of danger. *Jocelyn R. Uy*

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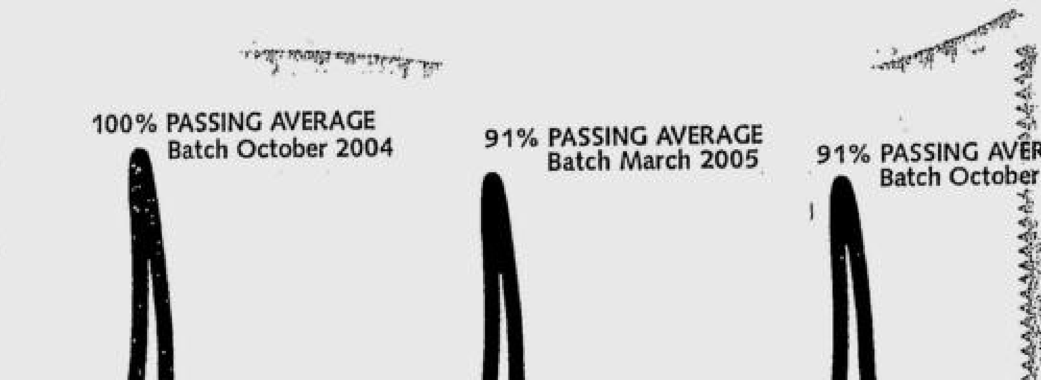

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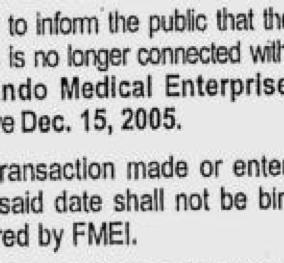

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Memory of massacre fades amid friendship

Teaching of US-Tausug battle 100 years ago urged

By Ed General and Julie S. Alipala
PDI Mindanao Bureau

JOLO, SULU—ONE HUNDRED YEARS after the slaughter, they were singing fond songs of goodbye to their new-found American friends. Hardly was there a thought of what had happened on a mountain called Bud Dahu a century ago.

Some didn't even know that something had happened at all.

"Did it happen recently?" asked Muhalim Kagatan, a student at Sulu High School.

"I know where Bud Dahu is, but I do not know about that massacre," said Hashimier Alpha, a student at Notre Dame of Jolo.

It was on March 5-7, 1906, on the 2,100-foot mountain some 10 kms east of Jolo that American colonial troops massacred about 900 Tausug—men, women and children—in what has become known as the Battle of Bud Dahu.

That battle seemed farthest from the minds of the people on Friday as they bade goodbye to an American military contingent that had just completed one month of humanitarian and medical missions on Jolo.

Rock song in farewell

The Americans not only brought medicines, books and computers but also built schoolhouses.

In scorching heat, teachers and students of the Sulu National High School gathered to sing farewell songs to the departing Americans.

To the tune of rock group Abba's "Thank You for the Music," a soloist sang: "No one can capture our heart, like the Balikatan and we've been so lucky to have friends with golden hair."

Others chorused: "Thanks for all the joy you're bringing ... What would it be without the help, how would we be?"

Others remember

Moved by the song, US commander Col. James Linder said: "I was really touched."

Capt. Eddie Paruchabutr said some of the US forces would stay behind to continue unfinished projects.

But not everyone has forgotten Bud Dahu.

Those who want to keep the memory alive discussed it on radio. Other activities are planned, including a peace summit on Monday, to raise popular awareness for what happened a century ago.

"The Summit of Mount Dahu will be the venue for the culmination of activities," said Prof. Samsula Adju, a convenor of the Mindanao People's Peace Movement.

A forgotten past

Young Tausug, like Mohammad Gamar Lipae Abdua, a senior student at Western Mindanao State University, said the battle should be taught in schools so that future generations would know about it.

"We are a very unfortunate people. We were not even told about our past," he said.

From the beginning of the American colonization, the people of Sulu opposed being placed under US sovereignty.

As the Americans pressed on with their Moro campaign, the Tausug resistance hardened.

In 1906, about 900 Tausug made their last stand in the crater of the extinct Bud Dahu volcano.

Brave fighters

"It's defenders were mostly composed of women and children, who were armed with kris, barung (machetes), spears and some rifles," said local historian Madge Kho. "The assault force consisted of 790 US troops, who were equipped with mountain guns, rifles, fast-fighting pistols, grenades."

When the three-day assault ended, only six defenders escaped. The Americans suffered 21 dead and 75 wounded.

Prof. Ric Adjawie said the battle was a fierce struggle by brave resistance fighters.

Proper context

He said it would be fitting to revisit and "understand the real significance of the Battle of Bud Dahu by putting the event in proper context and perspective."

"Instead of remembering the Battle of Bud Dahu as a rankling reason for vengeance, today's inheritors of Sulu's wondrous past shall more aptly serve the memory of the Bud Dahu Battle if they would erect a commemorative stone to immortalize their forefathers' heroism and martyrdom," Adjawie said.

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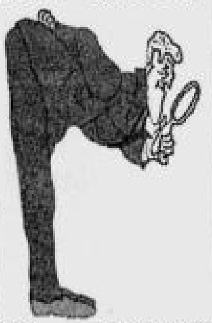

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Bush: Outsourcing hurts US workers

WASHINGTON—PRESIDENT GEORGE W. BUSH says he feels the pain of American workers who have lost their jobs to a cheaper workforce overseas. But he believes that education—not trade protectionism—is the answer to deal with the increasing globalized world.

Bush discussed the politically sensitive issue in New Delhi on Friday, wrapping up a three-day stay in India. The country's rapid growth has created anxiety among Americans, especially as they have seen call center jobs, back-office administrative work, software programming and other white collar jobs move there.

"It's painful for those who lose jobs," Bush said. "But the fundamental question is, how does a government or society react to that. And it's basically one of two ways. One is to say, losing jobs is painful, therefore, let's throw up protectionist walls. And the other is to say, losing jobs is painful, so let's make sure people are educated so they can find—fill the jobs of the 21st century," he said.

Congressman George Miller, the highest-ranking Democrat on the House Education and Workforce Committee, argued that Bush's failed trade policies and his lack of vision are hurting US workers. "American workers all over the country are watching as their jobs disappear and their paychecks shrink while their government sits by and does nothing," Miller said.

Last year, 11,375 US workers were laid off because their jobs were moved overseas, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. In many of those cases, Mexico and China were cited as the place where the jobs were going, a bureau official said.

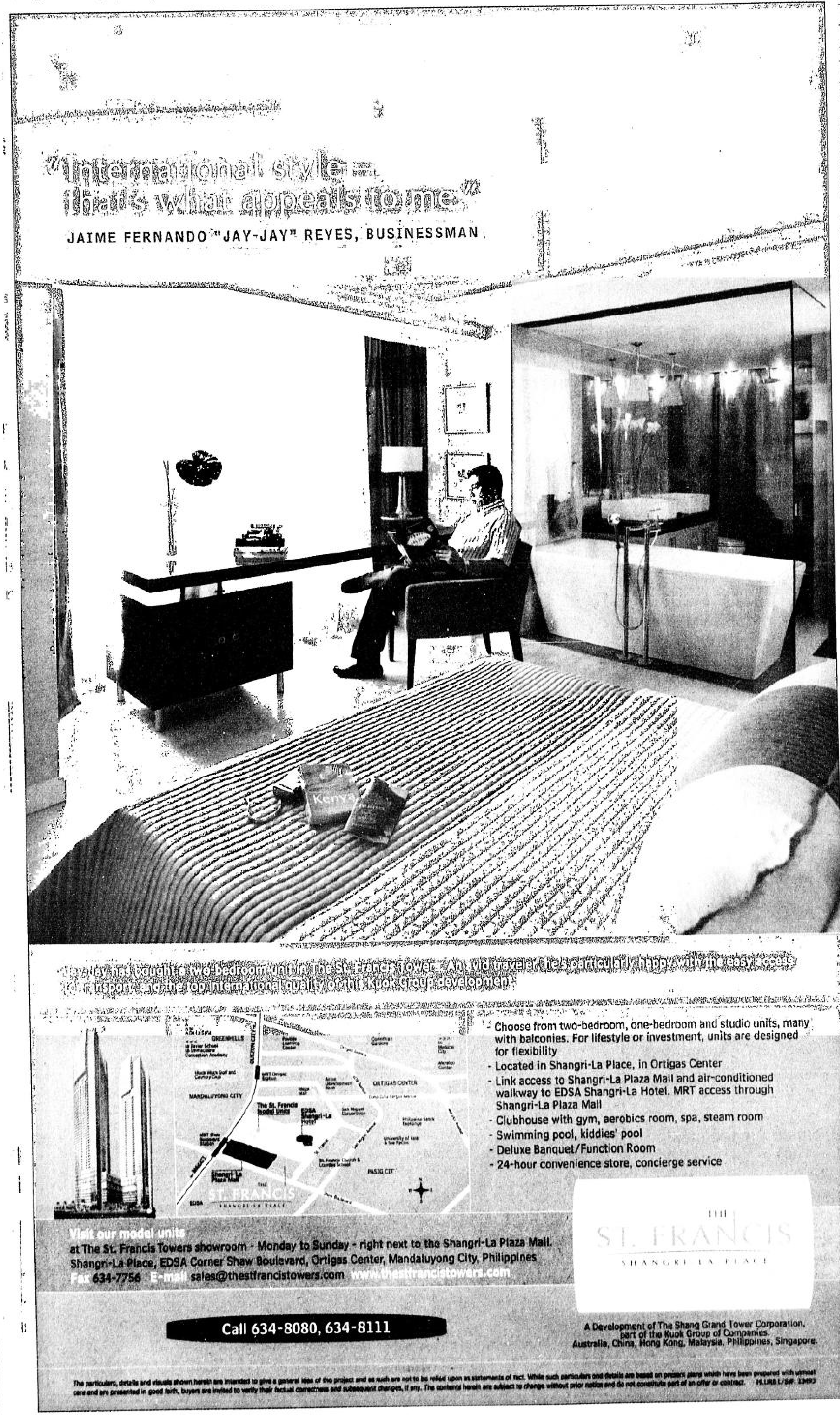
In 2004, 16,197 workers were laid off because their job was moved overseas. The figures don't capture all layoffs—only the bigger ones, the official said.

For American companies seeking to compete on a global scale, India is a magnet—especially for white-collar, service-sector employees—because of the lure of lower-wage, highly educated workers who also are fluent in English, experts say.

India's outsourcing industry alone is expected to bring in $22 billion in revenue this fiscal year, much of that generated by US companies.

Blue-collar factory jobs in the United States, meanwhile, have been more likely to be moved to China or Mexico, experts say.

Although many Indians live on less than $2 a day, the country's middle class has swelled to more than 300 million—which represents an attractive market for US companies to sell their goods and services. *AP*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Diamonds, cash and works of art will also be among the overseas assets to be sought by the oil-rich kingdom from the estranged brother of Sultan Hassanal Bolkiah, the Brunei Investment Agency (BIA) said.

In a statement, BIA said it would ask the Brunei High Court to compel Prince Jefri to turn over the assets following the court's ruling Wednesday that the agency was entitled to enforce the terms of a settlement reached in 2000.

Chief Justice Mohammed Saied rejected claims by Prince Jefri that the settlement could no longer be enforced.

The prince's jet-setting playboy lifestyle was blamed by his brother's government for massive losses in state funds, leading to his ouster as finance minister and head of the BIA in the late 1990s.

Among the properties the BIA is asking Prince Jefri to return are the New York Palace Hotel, the Bel-Air Hotel in Los Angeles, 3-5 Place Vendome in Paris, St. John's Lodge and Regents Park in London and a mansion in Singapore.

The items also include "various valuable diamonds, (a) significant amount of cash and other assets held in a trust for His Royal Highness Prince Jefri's benefits," BIA said.

Real estate in Malaysia, Indonesia, Singapore, the Philippines, Japan, France, Britain and the United States, as well as paintings, jewelry and cash held in bank accounts worldwide should also be returned, it said.

"Should His Royal Highness Prince Jefri fail to transfer such assets, the BIA intends to return to court to ask for appropriate orders to enforce compliance," BIA said.

The investment agency had launched legal proceedings against Prince Jefri to recover the allegedly embezzled assets, but both parties reached an out-of-court settlement in May 2000.

Under the deal, Prince Jefri agreed to fully disclose and turn over his assets and explain what had become of the allegedly misappropriated funds. *AFP, Reuters*

More than half of Japan women childless at 30

TOKYO—MORE THAN HALF OF JAPANESE women born in the early 1970s were still childless at 30, intensifying fears about the nation's already low birthrate, Japanese media said on Saturday.

The baby shortage, which has contributed to a decline in the overall population that began last year, is now an urgent problem for policy makers, who fear a smaller workforce supporting a growing number of elderly will hurt the world's number two economy.

According to health ministry figures released late on Friday, 50.3 percent of women born between 1971 and 1974—what Japan calls the second baby boomer generation—had had no children by the time they reached 30.

Fifty-one percent of those born in 1973 were childless at 30.

"That many women in the second baby boomer generation have few children could mean the birthrate will fall at a faster rate and the population will further decline," said a health ministry official quoted by the Kyodo news agency.

Japan's fertility rate—the average number of children a woman bears in her lifetime—fell to a postwar low of 1.2888 in 2004 from 1.2905 in 2003. Demographers say a rate of 2.1 is needed to keep a population from declining.

Officials have said the next five years, while these second baby boomers are still in their 30s, are crucial for efforts to halt Japan's population decline. *Reuters*

EU loses millions from bird flu; new cases emerge

LONDON—EUROPE'S POULTRY INDUSTRY counted the multimillion-dollar cost of the spread of bird flu in lost sales on Friday after US agencies urged more funds to fight a possible deadly human pandemic that could kill millions.

As the world took steps to prepare for such an outbreak, Romania and Greece detected new cases of the deadly H5N1 virus.

Sweden and Switzerland found more bird flu in wild birds and Turkey in poultry flocks.

China issued a national bird flu warning that migratory birds returning during the spring could cause more human cases.

"There are some places where prevention and control efforts have weak links," Chinese Vice Premier Hui Liangyu told a cabinet conference on Friday. China has had 14 human cases of people infected with H5N1 bird flu, eight of them fatal.

H5N1 has killed birds in more than 30 countries in the Middle East, Asia, Europe and Africa. It has spread to 14 new countries in the past month and has infected 174 people since 2003, killing 94 of them.

Scientists say H5N1 is mutating steadily and may eventually acquire the changes it needs to be easily transmitted from human to human. Because people lack any immunity to it, it could sweep the world in a matter of weeks or months, killing tens of millions and bringing economies to their knees.

Congress agreed $3.8 billion of $7.1 billion US President George W. Bush requested last year to fight a possible pandemic.

"But it really takes a lot of time and a lot of money. There are a lot of black boxes out there where something could emerge and we won't be able to find it," Dr. Julie Gerberding, director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, told a House of Representatives appropriations subcommittee.

The World Health Organization said on Friday that a three-day meeting of experts in Geneva which starts on Monday would sharpen plans for containing any human bird flu pandemic.

France's poultry sector, the biggest in Europe, is now losing 40 million euros ($48 million) a month as bird flu hits sales at home and abroad, French officials said on Friday.

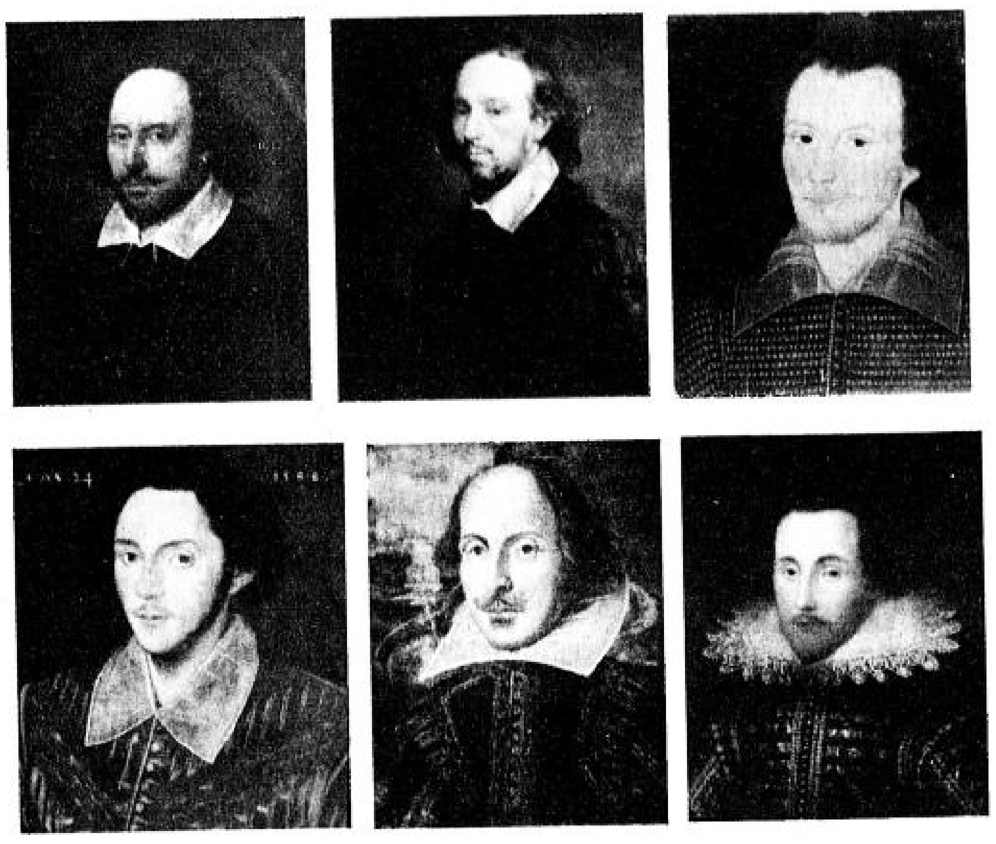
The Paris government has said more than 40 countries have restricted imports of French poultry following the outbreak of H5N1 at a turkey farm in the east of the country.

Germany's poultry industry has lost more than 140 million euros since last autumn because of bird flu, with demand down some 20 percent from previous levels. Germany identified more than 140 cases of wild birds with H5N1, as well as a cat. It reported two new cases of bird flu on Friday.

Hungarian poultry producers said on Friday their sales had fallen by up to 20 percent since H5N1 was first found there in dead swans on Feb. 21. Chicken sales were hardest hit.

But a health expert said bird flu in poultry did not pose a food safety risk as it is unlikely a sick chicken would be killed for consumption and cooking meat and eggs would kill the virus. Dr. Judith Hilton, at Britain's Food Standards Agency, said salmonella posed more of a risk to consumers than bird flu.

Romania on Friday detected H5N1 in domestic birds in a village west of Bucharest and in a goose in the city of Buzau. *Reuters*



A COMBINATION of images obtained from the National Portrait Gallery in London shows six paintings by different artists from the 16th and 17th centuries purporting to represent William Shakespeare.
AFP

Will the real Shakespeare stand up?

LONDON—THE FIRST PAINTING donated in 1856 to the new National Portrait Gallery here was of William Shakespeare, already well enshrined as the nation's literary idol. For the gallery, the oil recorded as NPG 1 seemed like a singularly apt founding work for its collection. And now, as the museum celebrates its 150th anniversary, it is again in the limelight.

But does this so-called Chandos portrait actually depict Shakespeare? Indeed, do any of dozens of other "Shakespeare" paintings and engravings offer a true likeness of the man who was born in Stratford-on-Avon in 1564 and died there in 1616?

These are the central questions addressed in "Searching for Shakespeare," a fascinating exhibition on view here through May 29. For this inquiry, the National Portrait Gallery has for the first time united the six oils most frequently said to portray Shakespeare. For further comparison, it is also presenting the 1623 engraving of him in the First Folio of his collected plays, as well as a plaster cast of the bust that was placed above his grave in Holy Trinity Church in Stratford sometime between 1620 and 1623.

And the answer? Of all the competing paintings, the Chandos portrait has emerged as the strongest contender. "It's not absolutely watertight," said Tarnya Cooper, the gallery's curator for 16th-century painting, who organized the show, "but the evidence has increased."

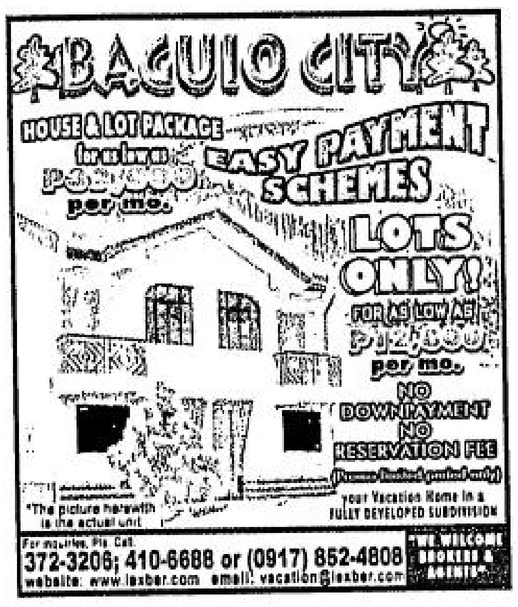
After more than three years of study and forensic tests, the gallery has reached some conclusions about how Shakespeare looked.

The engraving in the First Folio as well as the bust in Trinity Church are given weight because, in both cases, people who knew Shakespeare presumably accepted them as likenesses.

The big loser, however, is the so-called Flower portrait, an often-reproduced image. Although the oil is dated 1609, technical examination has proved that it is a 19th-century portrait painted on top of a 16th-century Italian painting of the Madonna and Child. "It fooled scholars for quite a long time," Cooper noted.

Also dismissed is the so-called Janssen portrait, which belongs to the Folger Shakespeare Library in Washington.

The Chandos portrait, which has been dated between 1600 and 1610, depicts a man who could well be the same man in the 1623 engraving and the church monument, with a receding hairline, a high forehead, long hair and a beard. In the portrait, he also wears an earring, which was fashionable among actors in Shakespeare's day. *New York Times News Service*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Department of Agriculture

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

The Philippine Carabao Center, an attached agency of the Department of Agriculture, invites suppliers / distributors / contractors to apply for eligibility and to bid for the following:

	Particulars	Approved Budget
1.	Semen Processing Equipment	P 725,000.00
2.	Semen Tanks	41,280,000.00
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Activities	Schedule
1. Issuance of Bid Documents	March 20 - 24, 2006
2. Pre-bid Conference (PCC Headquarters and Gene Pool)	April 3, 2006
3. Opening of Bids (PCC Headquarters and Gene Pool)	April 17, 2006
4. Bid Evaluation	April 18 - 21, 2006
5. Post-qualification	April 22-26, 2006
6. Notice of Award	10 calendar days

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Buried alive, again

EDITORIAL

THE FULL IMPACT OF THE DISASTER IN BARANgay Guinsaugon, in St. Bernard town in Southern Leyte, was buried under an avalanche of political news. But it was precisely when most of the camera crews packed up their gear and many of the reporters went home that the hard work of rehabilitation began.

That started with the difficult decision to call off the rescue and retrieval operations. All told, only 152 bodies were recovered from the landslide zone, and over 900 victims remain missing and are presumed dead. Not even the school building, where as many as 300 students, teachers, and parents are believed buried, and which was the center of an epic international rescue effort, could be located.

Wakes in Filipino culture are traditionally lengthy memorials, and one of the reasons must be because they allow our large, extended families more time to come to terms with their loss. But in the case of the 900-plus victims whose bodies will never be recovered, their families may never fully come to terms with the suddenness of the tragedy and the absoluteness of the silence since.

The plaintive words of 15-year-old Maries Arbiol, who lost both her parents and a brother and a sister when the mountain collapsed on their village, reflect the numb despair that has overwhelmed many.

"I have been crying since the tragedy. It is hard for me to accept our fate. My brother and I feel so alone. We don't have the strength to live ... without them," she said.

Last Friday, in a bid to help gain "closure" and start the acceptance process, memorial rites were held at the very edge of the barangay the landslide wiped off the map. A Mass was said. Two military helicopters did a fly-by, dropping flower petals and sprinkling holy water on the disaster site. A 15-foot wooden cross was erected.

"We did everything possible. But now is the time for acceptance. Let us help each other and let us hold each other now that we may be able to rise from this difficult situation," said Southern Leyte Gov. Rosette Lerias.

It is doubly unfortunate that the concerted efforts of the international community, which rushed to our aid, did not succeed in recovering any survivor. Doubly so, because the rescue and retrieval operations—which included US, Taiwanese, Indonesian and Malaysian specialists, aside from our own soldiers and volunteers from the Philippine National Red Cross—were a model of international cooperation.

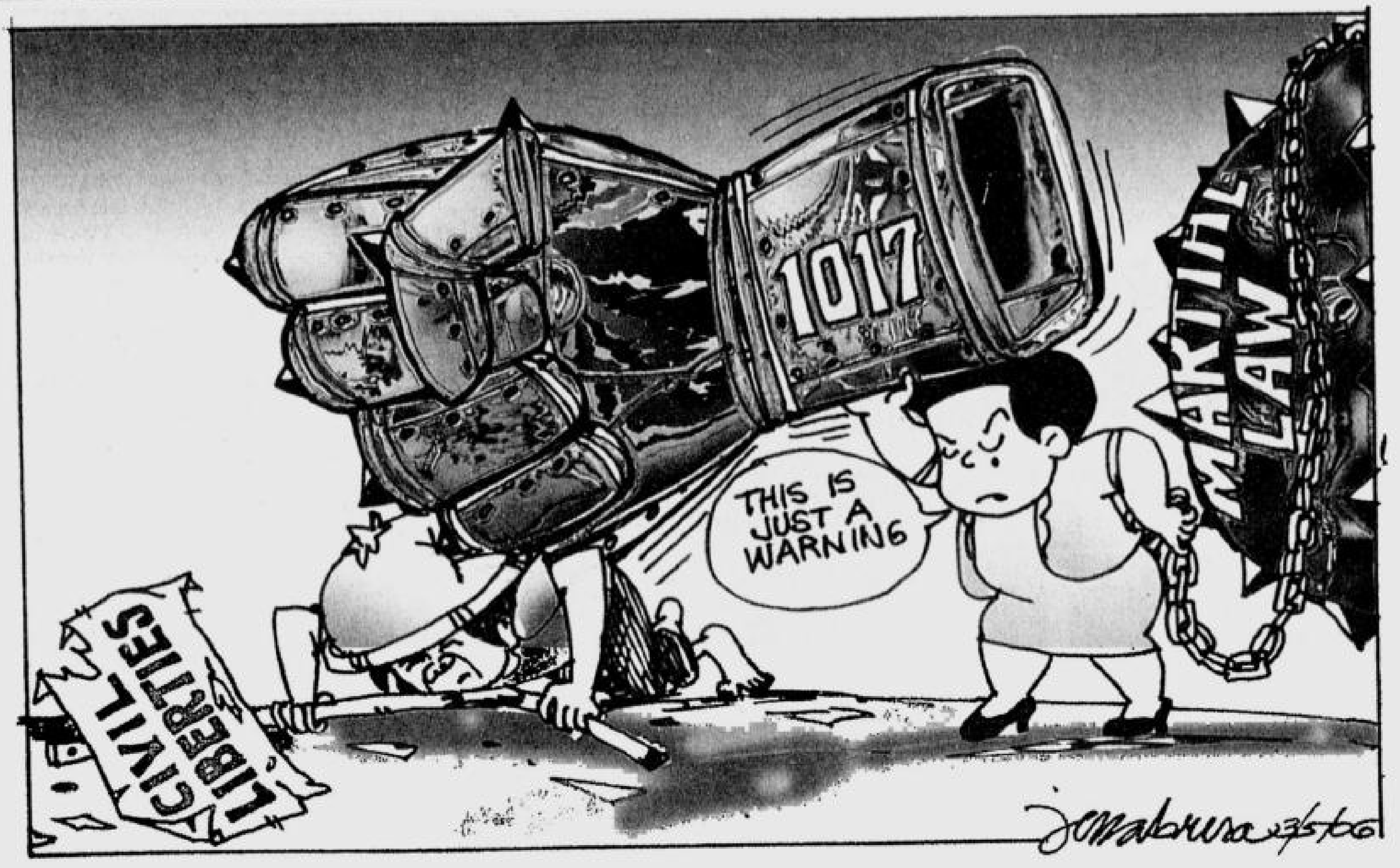
Now the grim task of recovering bodies gives way to the slogging, tedious challenge of relocating and rehabilitating some 3,000 survivors, plus about 3,000 more from the three other barangays affected by the landslide. PNRC chair Sen. Richard Gordon thinks the relocation must be completed within six months, because of the looming La Niña threat.

But Lerias, using the results of a geological study of 11 villages, thinks more of her province-mates should in fact be relocated.

"Of the 11 villages, five have to be relocated. The technical assessment shows that water has creeped into the soil in some areas... and this could possibly trigger more landslides. Two of the villages are also unsafe because they rest on top of old landslide deposits." The total number of potential evacuees is still being tallied.

Then Lerias, a former university teacher, drew the obvious, most painful lesson: "It is impossible to relocate everyone. This is a lesson for us but a lesson to which we have no permanent solutions."

Villagers who live in areas prone to landslides will be taught how to recognize the signs of an imminent one. They will be taught how to measure rainfall, and how to move to safer ground. But what most needs teaching, especially for those about to start a new life, is the truth that cannot be taught, only experienced: Time heals, even a wound as deep as Guinsaugon.



'To argue freely, according to conscience'

SEPARATE OPINION

Isagani A. Cruz

WHAT IS REVERENTLY CHERISHED BY LOvers of freedom as "at once the instrument and the guaranty and the bright consummate flower of all liberty" has been threatened by President Macapagal-Arroyo through her Proclamation No. 1017. It declares a state of national emergency—in her own mind only—for which she claims extraordinary powers, like the power to make warrantless arrests that is already allowed under present law.

Her accompanying General Order No. 5 authorizes the military and the police to take "necessary and appropriate actions and measures to prevent and suppress acts of terrorism," including, as her minions assert, the examination of the editorial policies and motivations of the mass media and their suppression if found by them (i.e., the minions) to be inimical to their commander in chief.

This is censorship pure and simple, an indefensible assault on the paramount freedom of expression recognized and safeguarded by the Bill of Rights. It is this right "to know, to utter, and to argue freely, according to conscience, above all liberties" that the Arroyo administration would violate on the shabby pretext of protecting the national security.

Marcos also clamped severe restrictions on the media to prevent unfavorable comment on his regime. Only a few stalwarts dared defy the dictator and exemplified the best and fearless in Philippine journalism. This courageous group was led by Eggie Duran Apostol and her women warriors and the late Jose Burgos, whose We Forum office was raided by Ver's soldiers in a futile effort to intimidate him. The rest of the media agreed to be silenced

The journalists today are not frightened by Ms Arroyo unlike their submissive colleagues during the dictatorship. I recall that the day after Ninoy was murdered; the Bulletin Today headlined a mere accident at the Luneta as if nothing had happened at the airport. Now even Vice President Noli de Castro has spoken against the threat to freedom of expression poised by Ms Arroyo and her obedient enforcers.

Freedom of expression is usually the first casualty of a repressive regime, as when the Japanese forces immediately took over the newspapers and radio stations upon their occupation of Manila in 1942. This freedom was also the first to be shackled when Marcos announced his New Society in 1972 through the television and radio stations he had earlier placed under his control. The other stations had already been muzzled "through the barrel of the gun."

Freedom of expression is essential to the full and free information of the people. In sustaining the publication of the Pentagon Papers over the objection of the US government on the ground of national security, Justice Black said, "The press was protected so that it could bare the secrets of the government and inform the people." Justice Sutherland had earlier declared in another case, "A free press stands as one of the great interpreters between the government and the people. To allow it to be fettered is to fetter ourselves."

It is wrong to even suggest that freedom of expression exists only for those who agree with the government. That would make this freedom more shadow than substance. The enlightened view is that the ideas protected by this most precious of liberties include those that induce "a condition of unrest, creates dissatisfaction with conditions as they are, or even stirs people to anger."

A function of free speech, according to the US Supreme Court, is "to invite dispute." Justice Douglas said, "The right to speak freely and to promote diversity of ideas and programs is therefore one of the chief distinctions that set us apart from totalitarian regimes."

To be truly meaningful, freedom of expression should permit the ventilation of all ideas, the popular as well as the unorthodox and even the bizarre, as long only as they do not exceed the reasonable limitations of the law. Libelers and seditionists deserve to be punished, but not those who, using the word as their sword, peacefully protest the evils of government and call for its reform. As Rizal did, even at the cost of his life.

Unity is too high a price for the loss of freedom of expression. Justice Holmes put it aptly when he said that this liberty exists not so much for the thought that agrees with us as for the thought that we detest.

Justice Brandeis said, "Fear of serious injury cannot justify the suppression of free speech and assembly. It is the function of speech to free men from the bondage of irrational fears... Those who won our freedom by revolution were not cowards. They did not fear political change. They did not exalt order at the cost of liberty." Voltaire, another disciple of freedom, was grandiloquent: "I may not agree with what you say, but I will defend to the death your right to say it."

The persons quoted here were passionate lovers and defenders of liberty. At this time and place, they could be arrested without warrant under Ms Arroyo's Proclamation No. 1017 as destabilizers of her government. They would be good and welcome company to the editorial staff of the INQUIRER.

'Deserters'

MOMENTS

Fr. Jerry M. Orbos, SVD

THE STORY IS TOLD ABOUT A HUSBAND who was told by the doctor: "I'm sorry, your wife's mind is completely gone."

"I'm not surprised. She's been giving me a piece of it every day for the past 40 years," was the husband's reply.

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In today's Gospel (Mk. 1, 12-15), Jesus is driven into the desert by the Spirit where He remains for 40 days. In the desert, He is tempted by Satan, but He comes out of it victorious. His desert experience cleanses Him of whatever impurities, and gives Him a clearer vision and a stronger resolve to do His mission. Without a desert experience, there can be no real conversion, and without conversion, we can never find our way home.

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Living in the house of Pinoy Big Brother must be some kind of a desert experience. The housemates stay together isolated from the outside world, learning discipline and obedience. Recently, actor Rustom Padilla, one of the participants, broke down and admitted before national television that he is a gay. Yes, a desert experience can give us a better vision of who we are, and what life really is. When we are deprived of our securities and comfort zones, we can search our hearts, we can listen to God, and we can rediscover the value of honesty and humility in a very special way.

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Someone suggested that we should put our leaders in the house of Pinoy Big Brother and let them go through a desert experience. It will be a good break for them (and for us!), and hopefully, they will come out of it with more sincerity and honesty.

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In today's Gospel, we are told that angels ministered to Jesus when He was in the desert. It is interesting to note that there was a housemate who ministered and never left Rustom (except to answer the call of nature) during his self-emptying, and that was actress Keanna Reeves. In the most desolate deserts, we can find an oasis. God will never leave us alone and unaided. This is the promise of the desert. God will not desert us in the desert.

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Do you make desserts for other people? Good. Continue to sweeten their lives. Do you make deserts for other people? No good. Stop making people suffer. They have enough sufferings already.

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As a nation, how long will we go on wandering in the desert? As long as our leaders do not listen and obey God, as long as there is no sense of sacrifice, as long as there is greed, cheating, lying and corruption, we, as a nation, will go on wandering in the desert and never reach our promised land.

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"Why be honest when it pays to be dishonest? The answer, I think, lies in what life means to you. If life means having good time, money, fame, power, security, then you don't need principles. All you need are techniques." (Pepe Diokno) Lord, heal our land. Give us a Moses to lead us "stiff-necked people" out of the desert. And plenty of good Aarons around him. Amen.

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"Repent, and believe in the Gospel." We keep going back to this Lenten message because herein lies our conversion to new life. There is no heart so hard that cannot be softened by the love of God. Let us not leave out the surprises of the hand of God. People who play the game of control will sooner or later find out that it is a losing game. It is people who know how to let go and to let God that live better, and freer, and more meaningful lives. Ah, but you need to go through the desert to learn that.

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At 5:30 p.m. of March 10, I will be in Roxas City to say my annual memorial Mass for my classmate Fr. Antonio Barriatos, SVD, who died as a missionary in Paraguay in 1994. Yes, we remember and hold dear in our hearts people who touched us because of their life of sacrifice. It is precisely this kind of people, who are willing to go through the desert and brave the harshness, the loneliness and the aridity of life for the love of God and for the sake of others, that we need in this present day and time.

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For Lent, don't forget to SSS. That is, to Sacrifice with a Smile, and in Secret! Whatever acts of penance or good works we do, let us do them with gratitude and with joy, because God loves a cheerful giver. Also, let us do them in secret and not just for show, because God always sees the heart. May the season of Lent bring out the best in each and every one of us, and may the desert experience lead us closer to our Promised Land.

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There is no way we can avoid deserts in our lives. We must not be afraid of the desert because God is in whatever desert. He will be with us, and He will show us the way. We who are in the desert ("Deserters") must hold on to God and to each other. Fellow deserters, let us not desert each other as God never deserts us in the most barren desert.

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A moment with the Lord:

Lord, remind me that you will never, never desert me in the desert. Amen.

Of Scout Rangers and Marines

REVEILLE

Ramon J. Farolan

MOST MILITARY UPRISINGS, WHETHER SUCcessful or unsuccessful, are often led by the elite units of a nation's armed forces. This is understandable since most of the weapons and armament in the hands of these units are oftentimes the most modern and the most powerful. The units are also the most mobile in terms of their ability to swiftly move forces from one location to another. Reliable communication facilities also play an important role in the effectiveness of these units. In some cases, even the "Praetorian Guards" who are tasked to defend the seat of power and protect the head of state are participants in the plot to overthrow the regime.

In the Philippines, the most notable of these forces are the Scout Rangers of the Philippine Army, the Marines of the Philippine Navy and the 15th Strike Wing of the Philippine Air Force. Although there were no air elements in the destabilization effort last Feb. 24—a measure of the tight control of CG, PAF Lt. Gen. Jose Reyes over his forces—I mention the PAF Strike Wing in recognition of its role in the Edsa I Revolution where its defection to the rebel side provided the tipping point for the 1986 uprising. Perhaps, we could also add to the list, the Special Action Force (SAF) of the Philippine National Police, although not much is known about its capability or effectiveness.

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The commander of the First Scout Ranger Regiment based in Fort Magsaysay, Nueva Ecija, was Brig. Gen. Danilo Lim, a West Pointer, class of 1978. If one had been keeping his antenna close to the ground in the weeks preceding Feb. 24, he could not have missed the names of Danny Lim and Marine Col. Ariel Querubin. In 1989, they were participants in a failed coup attempt against the government. However, both were able to recover lost ground in their respective careers, with Lim reaching star rank and getting command of the Ranger regiment.

Given Lim's background and inclinations, it is difficult to understand how he could have allowed himself to be isolated from his command at such a critical moment. In agreeing to meet with AFP Chief of Staff Gen. Generoso Senga to discuss such an explosive topic as a possible withdrawal of support from President Macapagal-Arroyo, Lim may have committed a serious error of judgment. Until Lim tells his side of the story, we will not know what caused him to leave the safety of his post. Without his troops, he put himself in harm's way without any leverage to deal with a potentially dangerous situation. Lim was replaced by Col. Reynaldo Mapagu.

The standoff at Marine headquarters in Fort Bonifacio was, perhaps, a more complicated situation. Querubin, commander of the First Marine Brigade based in Lanao del Sur, was on leave during the days leading up to the Edsa anniversary celebration. Up to last Sunday, he was still in command of his unit. But events started to develop in the early afternoon hours as the Navy chief, Vice Adm. Mateo Mayuga, called for a meeting with Marine Commandant Maj. Gen. Renato Miranda. Apparently, Miranda had come under a cloud of suspicion, forcing Mayuga to withdraw "trust and confidence in his leadership." Miranda then submitted an official request for relief from assignment, which Mayuga approved immediately. Incidentally, the joke making the rounds is that while meeting Mayuga, Miranda asked permission to relieve himself. He stood up and headed for the comfort room and when he returned Mayuga had signed his relief orders. Brig. Gen. Nelson Allaga, the deputy commandant of the Marine Corps, was also summoned to Navy headquarters where the turnover of command was effected. Was the relief sudden? Yes. Was it unusual? I was told that in the past there were similar actions taken.

What complicated the situation at Fort Bonifacio was the call of Querubin for people power. Those who are familiar with the approaches to Fort Bonifacio will probably agree that this is the most unlikely place for massing a crowd. Inside the camp are located the headquarters of the Philippine Army and the Southern Police District, and the area can easily be blocked off by security forces.

The sight of tanks and troops in front of Marine headquarters may have given TV viewers cause for alarm but, in fact, discussions were being held among the officers to clarify the situation and resolve matters peacefully. The presence of former Marine Corps commandants, like Sen. Rodolfo Biazon, Gen. Brigido Paredes and Gen. Guillermo Ruiz, among others, helped in cooling down emotions. Keep in mind also that the Marines are a tightly knit unit, highly disciplined and loyal to the virtues of *karangalan* (honor), *katungkulan* (duty) and *kabayanihan* (heroism), as posted on the façade of Marine HQ in Fort Bonifacio.

Colonel Querubin, a member of PMA class 1979, is one of two living Navy Medal for Valor recipients. The other is Marine Lt. Col. Custodio Parcon, PMA class 1987. Last Friday, in an emotional turnover of command ceremony in Marawi City—in contrast to Brigadier General Lim's unceremonious relief—Colonel Querubin was replaced as brigade commander by Lt. Col. Luisito Marcelino. For Querubin, the future is now uncertain.

But if we are to go by the past, it is possible that we have not seen the last of the Medal for Valor awardee. In the 1989 coup attempt, Marine Lt. Col. Cesar dela Peña led the MBLT (Marine Battalion Landing Team) 4 in, perhaps, the bloodiest coup attempt against the government. Last December, Dela Peña retired from military service, some 15 years after his stint with MBLT 4.

'Anteojos de Sarabia'

AT LARGE

Rina Jimenez-David

"SARABIA OPTICAL" HAS BECOME SUCH A FAmiliar brand name that, to many Filipinos, "Sarabia" means optometry, synonymous with eyeglasses, sunglasses, contact lenses and other eye care needs.

And no wonder. Last Feb. 22, the Sarabia clan observed the centennial of Sarabia Optical, which opened its first Sarabia clinic in Iloilo City in 1906. The clinic was established by Dr. Federico B. Sarabia Sr., recognized today as the first Filipino optometrist who, at the age of 21, returned to the Philippines after finishing his optometry course in the United States.

His granddaughter Anna Leah, who invited me to the festivities at the Ayala Museum, says her *lolo* "wasn't even a proper *pensionado*," in the sense that he didn't go to the United States on a scholarship provided by the US government to poor but deserving young Filipinos. Dr. Sarabia stowed away on a ship bound for the States and it was there that he decided to become an optometrist, perhaps because there were no Filipino optometrists at that time.

Twelve years after opening his first clinic, Dr. Sarabia transferred it to Escolta, then the premiere shopping street in Manila and home to its finest stores. It was in Escolta that Sarabia Optical gained a name among the elite families. Its roster of famous clients included presidents, senators and other prominent individuals. Among them was Saturnina Rizal, sister of the national hero, whose eyeglass case, bearing the insignia "Anteojos de Sarabia" is exhibited among other Rizal memorabilia in Fort Santiago.

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"I THINK it was the nationalistic spirit that made him the favorite optometrist of prominent Filipinos," theorized Gemma Cruz Araneta, a Rizal descendant who represented the clan in lighting one of 10 candles, each representing a decade in the 100-year history of Sarabia Optical.

But if it was nationalism that explains the loyalty of Dr. Sarabia's first clients, the success of the Sarabia name in later years can only be explained by its reputation as a reliable purveyor of quality optometric services and supplies. Today, there are 38 family owned Sarabia Opticals around the country, the tradition carried on by Federico Sarabia's descendants. He had three sons who became optometrists, one ophthalmologist, one physician and one ophthalmic dispensing technician. Among his grandchildren, there are three ophthalmologists and 18 optometrists, while two great-grandchildren are optometrists as well.

President Macapagal-Arroyo was to have been the guest of honor at the festivities, her family having been clients of long standing, but she hosted instead a dinner for the Sarabia family in Malacañang. In her place, daughter Luli Arroyo represented the family in lighting one of the decade candles. The event coincided with the first day of Edsa's 20th Anniversary observance, after all, and many guests were delayed by a protest rally on Edsa itself.

Two days later, the President would startle the nation by declaring a state of national emergency. We leave it to history—and the Sarabia optometrists—to diagnose if the act was short-sighted or not!

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"LA BOHÈME," an opera by Puccini about a group of artists in Paris living the "bohemian" life, is said to be the inspiration for the musical "Rent," which has since been made into a movie. But in the contemporary musical, instead of suffering from tuberculosis, the main protagonists are people living with HIV/AIDS.

Perhaps, it's for this reason that the advanced screening of the movie version of "Rent" is being sponsored by the Remedios AIDS Foundation, one of the first groups in the country to dare work on HIV/AIDS issues and provide direct services and counseling to people living with HIV/AIDS, at a time when the disease was surrounded by silence and shame.

The advanced screening is on Thursday, March 9 at 8 p.m. at Robinson's Galleria, Cinema 2.

"Rent" tells the story of a group of artists and homeless folk struggling to remain true to their art and their calling while struggling to survive (and to pay their rent), in New York's East Village.

Among the memorable characters in the musical/movie are: Roger, a songwriter who dreams of writing one last song before AIDS gets the better of him; Mimi, an "exotic" dancer struggling with emotional baggage of her own; Mark, a filmmaker caught between art and commerce, who also serves as narrator; Maureen, Mark's ex, a performance artist who has left him for a lawyer named Joanne; Tom Collins, a philosopher who chooses to live among the dregs of the city; and Angel, an innocent soul and street musician.

"Rent" today is one of the longest-running musicals on Broadway (it recently observed its 10th anniversary), and has won a slew of awards, including the Pulitzer Prize for Drama, the Obie Award, the New York Drama Critics Awards, four Tony Awards and three Drama Desk Awards.

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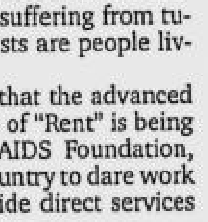
IT has also been staged in different languages and countries, including the Philippines. The Manila production, in fact, is memorable not just for the overall excellence of the cast, but also for the breakthrough performances of some actors, especially Bituin Escalante in the initial staging.

Certainly an audience draw would be the fact that, save for Rosario Dawson who essays the role of Mimi, most of the other characters in the movie are portrayed by actors who appeared in the original Broadway production.

The movie then should give us not just the musical's bare bones of plot and character, but also the gritty realism and impassioned performance (and wonderful music!) that made "Rent" the musical such an enduring, beloved hit.

For ticket inquiries, call the AIDS Hotline 524-0551 and 524-4427.

The pessimism of spectators



PUBLIC LIVES

Randy David

THE MORE WE REGARD EVENTS AS HAVING A life of their own, rather than as things we can shape, the more paralyzed we feel. The less we act, the more our society appears distant from us. The more we demand guarantees before we can act or believe, the more we feel like outsiders to our own society.

All over the country, in various forums, middle class people are asking the same questions. Who will replace Gloria? What assurance do we have that a new set of leaders will be different from the rotten ones we have had in the past? By resorting to people power all the time, are we not further destroying the very institutions we seek to rebuild?

Sometimes these questions are asked in all sincerity. At other times, they are asked only as a cover for a deeply-rooted apathy. I want to offer some answers here in the hope of provoking discussion.

Who will replace Gloria? I am amazed that this question is being asked at all at this time when we are not even facing an election. On its face, it seems so unnecessary. The more we ask it, the more we encourage Gloria's narcissistic boast that she is the "best" person to lead this country. A gifted people like us should be able to easily produce at least a million individuals far superior to Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo in brains, love of country, experience, and integrity.

But, perhaps, the question is really being asked to call attention to the quality of politicians who seem to be already preparing to assume the presidency as soon as Gloria is ousted. I do understand the alarm that the presence of some familiar faces in today's protest marches tends to trigger. But I do not understand why we think alternative leaders must automatically be recruited from their ranks. Certainly, if we fail to nurture and offer new leaders, the familiar and the shameless will always be the first to step up to the plate.

Leaders emerge when they are able to express, by their words and by their actions, the collective yearnings of a whole community. They often capture the imagination of a whole generation. That was how Ramon Magsaysay in the 1950s became a leader. That was how the young Ferdinand Marcos emerged as standard bearer of the Nacionalistas in the 1960s. That was how Ninoy Aquino and Pepe Diokno in the 1970s became the icons of the generation that fought martial law. And that was how Ninoy's widow, Cory Aquino, came to the presidency in the 1980s, and Joseph Estrada in the 1990s. The moment the message became clear and was accepted by the people, the new leader emerged.

Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo did not come to the presidency by this route. The presidency fell on her lap like an unripe fruit—even as people power was just beginning to shake the system—by virtue of the abrupt withdrawal of allegiance made by the commanders of the Armed Forces in January 2001. She was by no means the leader or the face of Edsa II. Unable to secure popular support for the mandate she claimed, she has since exploited the weaknesses of our political and legal system to keep her grip on power. As we now have seen, we are paying dearly for the excesses of this failed presidency.

What guarantee do we have that the leader who replaces her will be better? There is no guarantee. The best way we, as citizens, can keep our leaders from being corrupt and abusive is by watching them, by demanding answers to our questions, by telling them what's wrong when they seem to fall out of line, and by applauding and affirming our trust in them when they govern well. That's how democracy works.

Are we not weakening our institutions when we speak up, march and protest on issues that have already been referred for resolution to political and judicial bodies? No. These are rights enshrined in our Constitution. Their exercise constitutes the kind of vigilance that makes democracy stable and strong. When institutional processes—like elections and impeachment proceedings—are not conducted fairly and with full transparency, we owe it to our country and to the values we hold to raise our voices in protest.

But is people power the right way to change governments? Definitely not. Democratic elections have always been our preferred mode. People power in our country did not explicitly happen as a means for changing governments. It arose mainly as a tool of non-violent protest. It acquired the reputation that it can topple governments as a result of the military defections it has been known to trigger.

Soldiers are also citizens. When they feel they are being asked to execute illegal and anti-people orders, or when they feel that their own professional organization is being manipulated by politicians, they will find a way of manifesting their own grievances. And this, as we saw in 1986 and 2001, may include withdrawal of allegiance from the existing government.

In some societies, the military may come to a point where it begins to think that the people, unable to trust their political leaders, demand that the soldiers themselves take over government. This has happened many times and is still happening in many parts of Latin America. I am very wary of the prospect of something like this happening in our country. I do not believe in governments run by soldiers.

But the best way to prevent this is precisely by exercising our rights to defend our institutions, by pressuring them to work as they should, and by demonstrating the viability of civilian leadership at all times. If the question of legitimacy persistently hounds a government, the only recourse for a democracy is to quickly resolve the matter through elections. Failing that, we open ourselves to all kinds of risks.

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It's not over yet

REBEL WITHOUT A CLUE

Patricia Evangelista

THE STATE OF EMERGENCY HAS COME AND GONE. WE are told that the threat is vanquished, the dragon has been slain and we can all go home safe in the idea that we have a strong republic protecting us from the enemy. Forget what happened, it's over.

Well, I can't. The fact is that the government got away with it, Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo got away with it, and it can happen again.

The fight for democracy and freedom must be waged on two fronts—against government repression and against military adventurism.

When it all started, chief presidential legal counsel Eduardo Nachura said that the President's Proclamation 1017 was "simply a declaration of a state of fact." The President is not granted additional powers. Truth, justice and the Filipino way of life are all in order.

In the week that the declaration of the state of national emergency held sway, UP Prof. Randy David, Akbayan party-list president Ronald Llamas and lawyer Argee Guevarra were arrested. Thirty people were detained for a "traffic violation" en route to the Edsa Shrine rally. Seven-year-olds were seized along with adults. The offices of the Daily Tribune were raided and padlocked owing to a conjecture: it was a "possible source of destabilization." Crispin Beltran was arrested on the strength of a 21-year-old arrest warrant. The media were warned to stay away from "reckless" reporting that may endanger the State.

The government called it a state of emergency; many of us called it the beginning of martial law. The government justified it by claiming the existence of a "clear and present danger." The danger may have been clear to Ms Arroyo and her officials, but it certainly wasn't for me.

It's funny. At the crucial moment her presidency faces a crisis in legitimacy and public trust in government is nearly nonexistent, Ms Arroyo asks us to simply have faith. I also find that insulting.

This isn't to say that there hasn't been any attempt to rationalize 1017 at all. The government claimed that there was a tactical alliance between the Left and the military; that conspirators have repeatedly tried to overthrow the President; that the media have recklessly "magnified" and helped their cause; and that there was a clear and present danger to the safety and the integrity of the Philippine State and of the Filipino people.

When asked to prove the government's claims, Justice Secretary Raul Gonzalez came up with a brilliant answer: "This is not the time for proving," he announced. "You are not the court."

When the administration called it a state of emergency, I have to admit, I didn't get it at first. I'm Filipino enough such that the mention of a possible imposition of martial law will have me roaring out in indignation.

But a state of emergency is different—it's more ambiguous, it raises no collective memories of curfews, salvaging and media blockouts; there's no emotional resonance accompanying such declaration. Its vagueness is what made 1017 so ominous. Its implications took a while to sink in. But once they did, there was no condoning it. Since when was the reporting of news and the stating of opinions supposed to be curtailed by someone else's definition of "reckless"? And since when was GMA the vanguard of the Philippines' image? She claims she is shielding us from negative economic repercussions. I think that a government that puts premium on public image at the expense of public welfare isn't going to win any international beauty contests.

I don't think there's anything wrong with the idea of granting a president emergency powers—there is always the possibility of an extraordinary situation cropping up and posing a a viable threat to the country's overall well-being. What I find abhorrent is that an aborted "withdrawal of support" by military adventurists is considered threatening enough and is used to justify a crackdown on civil liberties.

The military performs a unique role. Like the government, it is funded by the people, and it exists to serve the people. It is subservient to the government, which in turn is subservient to the citizenry. But unlike any other institution, the military possesses a legitimate monopoly of force. The one thing that keeps the military in check is its neutrality. It follows a chain of command, without which any Rambo can decide that he doesn't like the way the country is being run.

Recently, however, it seems that the military has been playing a key role in deciding the composition of a government. Ever since generals were put in key government positions during martial law, the military has increasingly been politicized. And the military has become the deciding factor when it comes to questions of whether a government stays or goes. Civilians may be disillusioned with their government, but they have only the legal means with which to seek redress. On the other hand, a disillusioned military can decide with their guns to take over government.

The same soldiers who staged coups during the Aquino administration are the same soldiers who are rising against the government today. Take Scout Ranger Brig. Gen. Danilo Lim, a veteran of the 1989 Makati coup, and yet managed to rise to star rank, only to attempt another coup. Whether they are aggrieved soldiers or soldiers who have lost their faith in the government, their kind of behavior is frightening.

In a democracy, the citizens use the ballot to choose the kind of government or leaders they want; or they can march on streets to drive an unwanted leader out of Malacañang, as Filipinos have done twice before.

But it is not for the military to decide when to change the government. If there is need—and there is at the moment—for soldiers to air their grievances, they must do it not with tanks behind them and cocked guns in their arms. On the day that they decide otherwise, no ballot, no newspaper column, no phalanx of civilians can stand in the way of a military that insists it knows best how to run the country.

We may detest the state of the nation, and call for the resignation of the President, but I'm afraid of what will happen if we are angry enough to condone and support the military that opposes her.

Proclamation 1017 was lifted at 9 a.m. Friday morning. The government claimed it had done its duty. We celebrate 1017's demise. But the government must know that it's not yet over.

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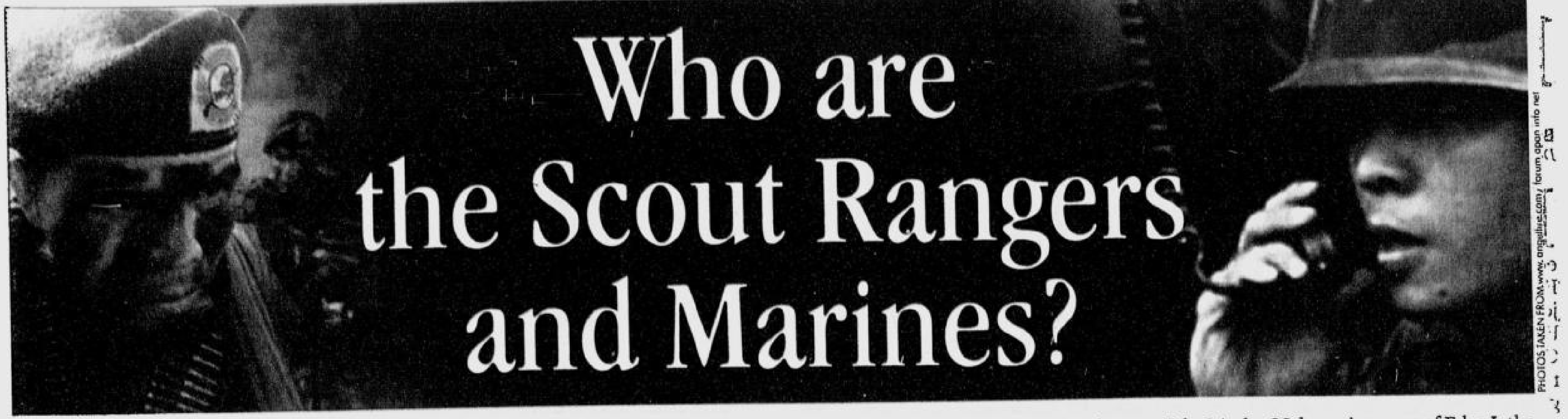

Who are the Scout Rangers and Marines?

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TWO ELITE MILITARY UNITS – THE SCOUT RANGERS AND THE MARINES – have been linked to a plot to unseat President Macapagal-Arroyo. The plot also involved the Special Action Force (SAF) of the Philippine National Police, according to PNP Director General Arturo Lomibao.

Lomibao said PNP-SAF units were assigned to take over the Ninoy Aquino International Airport and Camp Crame (the PNP headquarters), hold him hostage and force a declaration of withdrawal of support from the Arroyo administration.

The Scout Rangers and the Marines were also supposed to take similar moves.

But when these plans were aborted, the SAF, Scout Rangers and Marines shifted their focus to joining the protest actions on Feb. 24, the 20th anniversary of Edsa I, the day Ms Arroyo declared a state of emergency, according to Lomibao.

Brig. Gen. Danilo Lim along with Col. Ariel Querubin reportedly tried to persuade Armed Forces Chief of Staff Generoso Senga on the night of Feb. 23 to withdraw support from the administration. Senga reportedly rejected Lim's overtures.

As a result, Lim was relieved of his post as commander of the First Scout Ranger Regiment. Also relieved were Querubin, commandant of the First Marine Brigade, and Chief Supt. Marcelino Franco, commander of the PNP Special Action Force.

The Scout Rangers and Marines were involved in past coup attempts.

Jungle experts

THE ARMY SCOUT RANGER REGiment is directly subordinate to the Philippine Army Commanding General (Lt. Gen. Hermogenes Esperon Jr.) and under the Commanding General of the Special Operations Command (Maj. Gen. Benito Ramos).

On Feb. 23, Brig. Gen. Danilo Lim was relieved of his post as Commander of the First Scout Ranger Regiment (FSRR). Sworn in to replace him was Col. Reynaldo Mapagu.

An elite strike-anywhere force, regardless of weather or terrain, day or night, it is said that Scout Rangers are jungle experts and that they have a reputation similar to that of the Green Berets of the United States.

Clad in black fatigues, berets and balaclavas, Scout Rangers specialize in small, highly selective strikes, raids, ambuscades, reconnaissance patrols, and guerilla warfare. The Ranger patch features a black panther poised to strike, signifying the stealth and efficiency necessary in counter-insurgency missions.

Unconventional warfare

Among the Rangers are snipers, and it is said that the Rangers are the "sniping division of choice" in the Armed Forces.

Scout Rangers are also skilled in counter-terrorism, civil disturbance management, unconventional warfare, demolitions, close quarter battles, airborne and waterborne operations and hostage rescue operations.

They can also be called upon for search and rescue operations in times of calamities. They can act as rapid deployment forces to support other units and agencies located anywhere in the country as higher headquarters may direct, and to help secure the seat of government by augmenting the Presidential Security Group whenever necessary.

Their headquarters are in Camp Tecson in San Miguel, Bulacan, where the Scout Ranger Training Center is located. FSRR is composed of three Scout Ranger battalions and 10 Scout Ranger companies. Each battalion has around 500 men. Each company has approximately 150 men.

Ileto

Formed on Nov. 25, 1950 by Gen. Rafael "Rocky" Ileto, former vice chief of staff of the armed forces and defense secretary, to combat the rise of insurgency, the group was initially tasked with combating Hukbalahap guerrillas.

The unit's name is a combination of the names of two American World War II units: the Alamo Scouts, who were known for their intelligence gathering skills and the US Army Rangers, who were famous for their ferocity in combat.

They were deactivated in the 1950s following the defeat of the Huks. They were reactivated years later but was deactivated in 1989 as an aftermath of the coup. However, they were reactivated in 1991 to combat insurgency once more.

Coup attempts

Scout Ranger combat units are deployed nationwide. (For security reasons, areas of deployment are classified information and cannot be released. Mapagu has declined to identify even a general location for his Rangers.)

Scout Rangers participated in the December 1989 coup attempt against the Aquino administration. Led by Col. Danilo Lim and Ret. Army Col. Abraham Purruganan, some 3,000 Rangers took over Makati in the most destructive coup attempt against the Aquino administration, which left hundreds of civilians and soldiers dead, and hundreds more injured.

They also figured in the July 2003 Oakwood Mutiny, with four Scout Rangers – Capt. Albert T. Baloloy, Capt. Gerardo Orpilla Gambala, Capt. Milo Discutido Maestrecampo, and Capt. Laurence Louis Bumatay Somera – tagged as plotters. 1st Lt. Lawrence San Juan, one of the four escaped Magdalo soldiers who was recently arrested, is also a Scout Ranger. *Kate Pedroso, PDI Research*

Danilo Lim's 'roller-coaster ride'

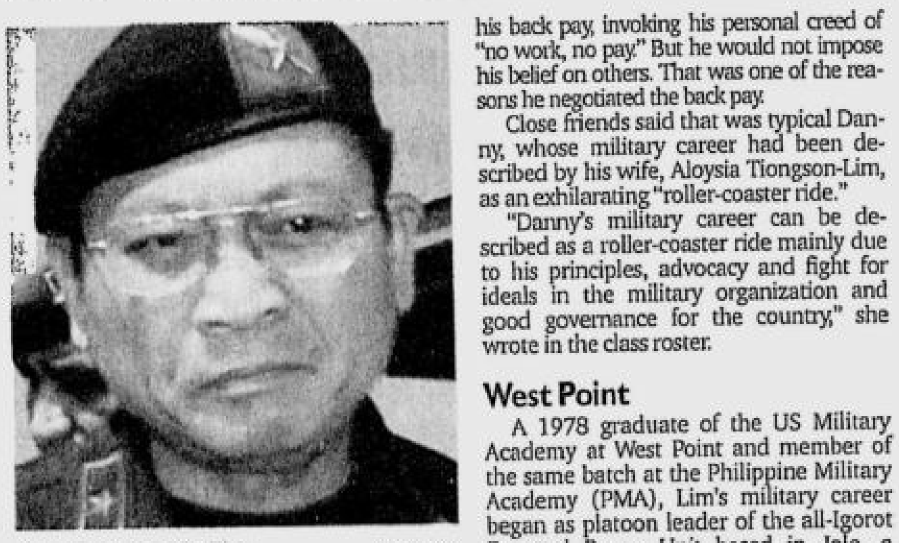
By Fe Zamora

AS HE LAY DYING IN JANUARY last year, retired Commodore Domingo Calajate kept asking for Col. Danilo Lim. When Lim finally showed up at the Cardinal Santos Hospital, the nurses heaved a sigh of relief and ushered him into a room.

"How can I refuse a dying man's wish?" Lim would tell the INQUIRER in May at the Club Filipino, where he was given a testimonial dinner for his promotion as brigadier general, and as chair of the Rebolusyonaryong Alyansang Makabansa (RAM), which was Calajate's dying wish.

In his speech, Lim dispelled doubts about possible conflict of interest that may arise from his positions in the Armed Forces of the Philippines and in RAM, which, despite a peace pact with the government, continues to be linked to destabilization plots. Lim emphasized that under his helm, RAM would become a civic group, even a cooperative for the welfare of retired and active military men.

Calajate's final request highlighted his trust and confidence in Lim over the more senior, former Sen. Gregorio "Gringo" Honasan, who co-founded RAM, then known as Reform the Armed Forces Movement, in 1985. Honasan tried to wrest control of RAM by declaring himself chair of the steering committee. But majority of RAM's some 4,000 membership agreed to honor Calajate's choice.



Brig. Gen. Danilo Lim LYN RILLON

Former rebel soldiers from RAM, Young Officers Union and the Soldiers of the Filipino People (SFP) speak highly of Lim's role in the peace negotiations in 1993, which resulted in amnesty in 1995. Except for those who opted to retire with full benefits, the mutinous troops, including those convicted for the 1987 violent attack on Camp Aguinaldo, were reinstated and given back pay for years spent in the military stockade.

No work no pay

Lim, the defiant Army captain who led the march of fully armed Rangers back to Fort Bonifacio after a failed coup in December 1989, waived his back pay, invoking his personal creed of "no work, no pay." But he would not impose his belief on others. That was one of the reasons he negotiated the back pay.

Close friends said that was typical Danny, whose military career had been described by his wife, Aloysia Tiongson-Lim, as an exhilarating "roller-coaster ride."

"Danny's military career can be described as a roller-coaster ride mainly due to his principles, advocacy and fight for ideals in the military organization and good governance for the country," she wrote in the class roster.

West Point

A 1978 graduate of the US Military Academy at West Point and member of the same batch at the Philippine Military Academy (PMA), Lim's military career began as platoon leader of the all-Igorot Forward Recon Unit based in Jolo, a unique group organized and led by another controversial officer, then Lt. Ricardo "Dick" Morales.

But Lim's career took a nosedive when rebel soldiers led by him occupied the Makati commercial district from Dec. 1 to 7, 1989 in an attempt to unseat President Corazon Aquino.

The Scout Rangers occupied Makati after other rebel attempts to seize military installations had failed, including the rebel Marines who rammed Gate 1 of Camp Aguinaldo with a Landing Vehicle Tracked (LVT), leaving more than a dozen soldiers dead and wounded.

... Ariel Querubin's escape

AMONG THE 'CADAVERS' WAS the team leader—then Capt. Ariel Querubin. Querubin was bleeding profusely from wounds in the stomach. A doctor who checked the cadavers for identification, however, noticed a slight twitch on his finger.

Querubin was nursed back to life at the V. Luna Hospital where he would escape months later with the help of the doctor. Years after the incident, Querubin would tell the INQUIRER that his getaway vehicle was driven by a businessman.

Wanted

He joined the underground rebel group when the military issued "wanted posters" with rewards for him and three other Marines who were branded "mad bombers and terrorists." Then AFP chief of staff Gen. Renato de Villa even described Querubin as "psychotic."

By that time, however, Querubin's exploits at Gate 1 had already formed part of combat stories that soldiers love to talk about among themselves.

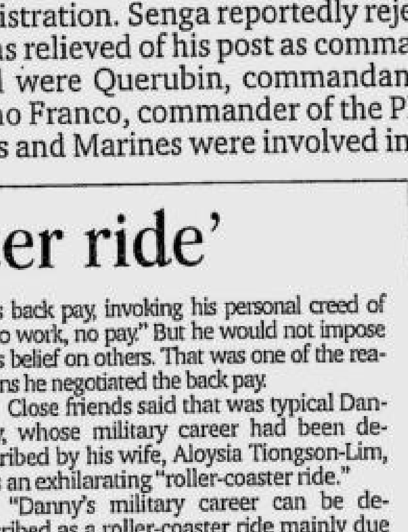
Even his classmates expressed awe at his exploits, but in typical PMA banter. "Whenever we hear rumors of a coup, we always ask, 'On which side is Ariel?' We don't want to be on his side because he would surely survive, and we won't," a colonel from PMA Class 1979 said with a laugh.

Truancy

Even at the PMA, Querubin already led a charmed life, according to another classmate. Querubin was originally a member of class 1977, but was "turned back" twice for various infractions of PMA regulations, such as drinking alcohol, breaking curfew and even plain truancy. "But never on academic deficiencies," Querubin once told the INQUIRER.

That Lim and Querubin would find themselves on the same side during the 1989 coup was something that colleagues did not find surprising. But their amnesty and subsequent promotion were resented by officers who fought them during the coup. One officer said promoting Lim would send the wrong signal to younger officers that in the military "one can get away with murder."

The rebellious past of Querubin was also the subject of discussion by the board that decided to award



Col. Ariel Querubin RYAN LIM

him the Medal of Valor. A source, who was privy to the discussion, said the issue also hinged on the "wrong signal" that could arise from giving the most prestigious medal to a former rebel.

That they would become "suspects" in fresh plots to unseat a President also did not surprise a police senior superintendent, who is close to both Lim and Querubin.

"They are not corrupt. They are both idealists and they have their own tales of heroism that would inspire soldiers to follow them," the source, a 1978 PMA graduate who is involved in monitoring suspected coup plotters, told the INQUIRER.

Scout Rangers

Estimated number: 1,500

Composed of:

3 Scout Ranger Battalions of about 500 member each

10 Scout Ranger Companies of about 150 members each

Philippine Marine Corps

Estimated number: 10,000

Composed of:

3 Marine Brigades:
- 1st Marine Brigade
- 2nd Marine Brigade
- 3rd Marine Brigade

1 Marine Reserve Brigade
11 Battalion Landing Teams
1 Combat & Service Support Brigade
1 Force Reconnaissance Battalion
1 Service Support Battalion
1 Motortransport & Maintenance Bn.
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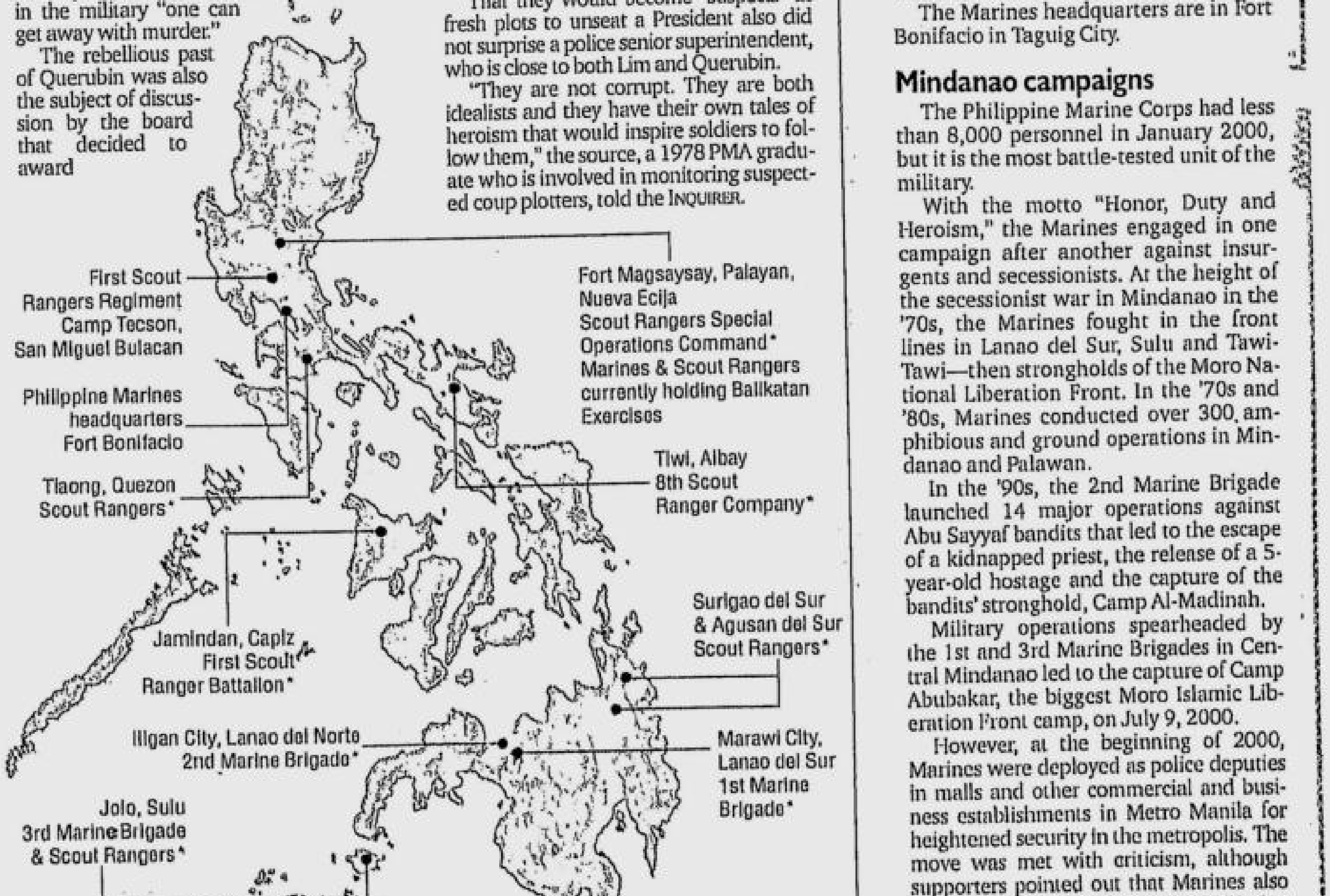
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*Current deployment of the three Marine Brigades and the Scout Rangers are based on 2005-2006 news and PDI bureau reports.

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Battle tested

MARINE SOLIDARITY IS THE stuff of legend even in the military. Proud and fiercely loyal, the Marines consider their ties "stronger than blood," said a Marine sergeant in Jolo.

Marines retrieve their fallen comrades' bodies to prevent them from being desecrated by the enemy. This solidarity, according to a former Marine commandant, is what makes the Filipino Marine invincible.

However, this solidarity was severely tested in the failed December 1989 coup d'etat. A battalion led by then Lt. Col. Romelino Gojo sided with rebels led by Col. Gringo Honasan, his first cousin.

The breakaway Marines captured Villamor Air Base, and Brig. Gen. Rodolfo Biazon had to defend Camp Aguinaldo with a handful of Army recruits.

Quirino

The Philippine Marine Corps traces its beginnings to the Quirino administration. Its first unit was formed on Nov. 2, 1950 and was activated on Nov. 7, 1950 at the Naval Operating Base in Cavite.

The first Marines were formally presented to the public during an Independence Day Parade in Manila on July 4, 1951.

Its mission then was to "strike against the Huks and other lawless elements anywhere along the vast coastline of the archipelago." The first Marine company was airlifted to Legazpi, Albay, to launch an amphibious raid on dissidents in Catanduanes.

Maneuver force

The Marines, which are part of the Philippine Navy, are the main "maneuver force" of the military. Hence the famous saying, "When all else fails, when missions seem impossible, send in the Marines."

They are known for being "a rapid-deployable and amphibious strike force."

At first, due to the perceived dangers of being a Marine, only volunteers were accepted–an initial six officers and 206 enlisted personnel, mostly World War II veterans.

Over the years, the corps has evolved from a company of volunteers to three brigades and one reserve brigade, 11 battalion landing teams, a combat and service support brigade, one force reconnaissance battalion, one service support battalion, one motor transport and maintenance battalion, one inshore boat battalion, a training center, headquarters battalion, and a security escort group.

The Marines headquarters are in Fort Bonifacio in Taguig City.

Mindanao campaigns

The Philippine Marine Corps had less than 8,000 personnel in January 2000, but it is the most battle-tested unit of the military.

With the motto "Honor, Duty and Heroism," the Marines engaged in one campaign after another against insurgents and secessionists. At the height of the secessionist war in Mindanao in the '70s, the Marines fought in the front lines in Lanao del Sur, Sulu and Tawi-Tawi—then strongholds of the Moro National Liberation Front. In the '70s and '80s, Marines conducted over 300 amphibious and ground operations in Mindanao and Palawan.

In the '90s, the 2nd Marine Brigade launched 14 major operations against Abu Sayyaf bandits that led to the escape of a kidnapped priest, the release of a 5-year-old hostage and the capture of the bandits' stronghold, Camp Al-Madinah.

Military operations spearheaded by the 1st and 3rd Marine Brigades in Central Mindanao led to the capture of Camp Abubakar, the biggest Moro Islamic Liberation Front camp, on July 9, 2000.

However, at the beginning of 2000, Marines were deployed as police deputies in malls and other commercial and business establishments in Metro Manila for heightened security in the metropolis. The move was met with criticism, although supporters pointed out that Marines also take care of security in Congress. Marine guards are also posted at the Rizal monument in Luneta Park. *Minerva Generalao and Jamie Alarcon, PDI Research.*

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INQUIRER Mindanao

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Davao media say PP 1017 a bad joke

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Eternal VIGILANCE is the price of Freedom
(MINDANAO TIMES)
PROTECT JOURNALISTS!

JOURNALISTS vow to be vigilant against attacks on press freedom during a rally Friday. BING GONZALES

HOURS BEFORE President Macapagal-Arroyo lifted the emergency rule on Friday, over a hundred journalists flocked to the Freedom Park in Davao City to protest the declaration of state of emergency, which they called an "assault on press freedom," a right enshrined in the Constitution.

For most of them, Presidential Proclamation 1017 was a bad joke. It was so bad that even the lifting of President Macapagal-Arroyo's emergency rule failed to lift the spirits of those who called it a direct assault on press freedom.

"The damage has been done," said Nelson Cañete of radio station dxGO upon hearing that the President has lifted on Friday PP 1017, the presidential proclamation that placed the country under the state of emergency.

"They're making a big joke out of the Constitutional rights of the people," Cañete said.

For broadcasters like him, the lifting was not reason enough to feel protected.

When the proclamation was announced on Feb. 24, even the most fearless broadcast journalists in the city could only make guarded comments on the air.

Cañete said broadcasters like him had to think twice before airing the news. Broadcasters were also pressured by their families who wanted them to take a day off from or leave their jobs.

Senior Supt. Conrado Laza, police chief for Southern Mindanao, denied the rumors that eight Davao media personalities were 'on the watch list and put under surveillance by the police.

"Just do your work. As long as you're not doing anything against the country, there's nothing to worry about," Laza assured reporters.

He said the troops deployed in the media outlets in Metro Manila were only there to "establish rapport."

Mario Maximo Solis, radio dxDC station manager, however, said his station followed regular programming, and refused to tone down even after the state of emergency declaration.

"If we allow them to take the last freedom that we have, there'd be nothing left for us," Solis said.

Bombo Radyo assistant station manager Jun Digamon said he has regarded threats as part of the job and refused to tone down a bit.

Plainclothesmen were seen roaming around the radio station's premises when the state of emergency was in effect although both Laza and Del Rosario denied that troops were sent to media outlets.

But he said it was Bombo Radyo who asked for the presence of Task Force Davao after they noticed "suspicious men" roaming around the vicinity of the station the previous week.

Task Force Chief Col. Eduardo Del Rosario said Bombo Radyo had asked Task Force Davao to make the rounds after the radio station feared reprisals from the communist New People's Army (NPA) because of the attacks they have been airing against the rebels.

Task Force Davao is an antiterror body led by the military. It was formed in the aftermath of the 2003 twin bombings in the city.

Solis said the government's move to clamp down on the media came in the wake of the economic difficulties of the people.

"They're trying to silence the media at the time most of our people, including journalists, could almost not afford to send their children to school. Is this the truth they're trying to suppress?" Solis asked.

"When was the time they stopped monitoring us? It's only now, under PD 1017, that they are emphasizing it because they're openly suppressing our rights," broadcaster Alex Roldan said, as he claimed that the killings of journalists have not stopped the media from reporting the truth.

Carmelito Francisco, NUJP-Davao chair, said it was crucial that the media zealously safeguard press freedom because it is linked to the people's rights to know, which will enable them to make informed decisions.

Mayor Rodrigo Duterte's assurance for respect of press freedom and basic Constitutional rights had made the media in Davao feel a bit protected.

Francisco said the situation in Davao appeared to be much better here compared to other areas, where local governments refused to issue rally permits. "We're better off here because we are free to protest," he said.

While the police violently dispersed protestors at Edsa in the wake of the state of emergency declaration, Duterte went to the indignation rally of militant groups to tell them that they would need no permit to hold protests in the city.

The mayor said that people have always been free to hold protest actions in the city since the ouster of Marcos and he could not see how a mere declaration of state of emergency will change all that.

"It was to his credit that protesters feel relatively safe," said Carlos Conde, NUJP secretary general, referring to Duterte. "But it doesn't mean that we will stop the fight."

But Cañete said Duterte's declaration of Davao City as a free zone for rallies was not enough assurance for the exercise of press freedom because the arrest orders come from the national government.

For Cañete and most of the journalists who marched the streets, the news of the lifting of PD 1017 was not at all a cause for rejoicing. "PD 1017 has caused damage. They can revert to it anytime," Cañete said.

"Still we will continue to call for press freedom at all times at all costs," he said.

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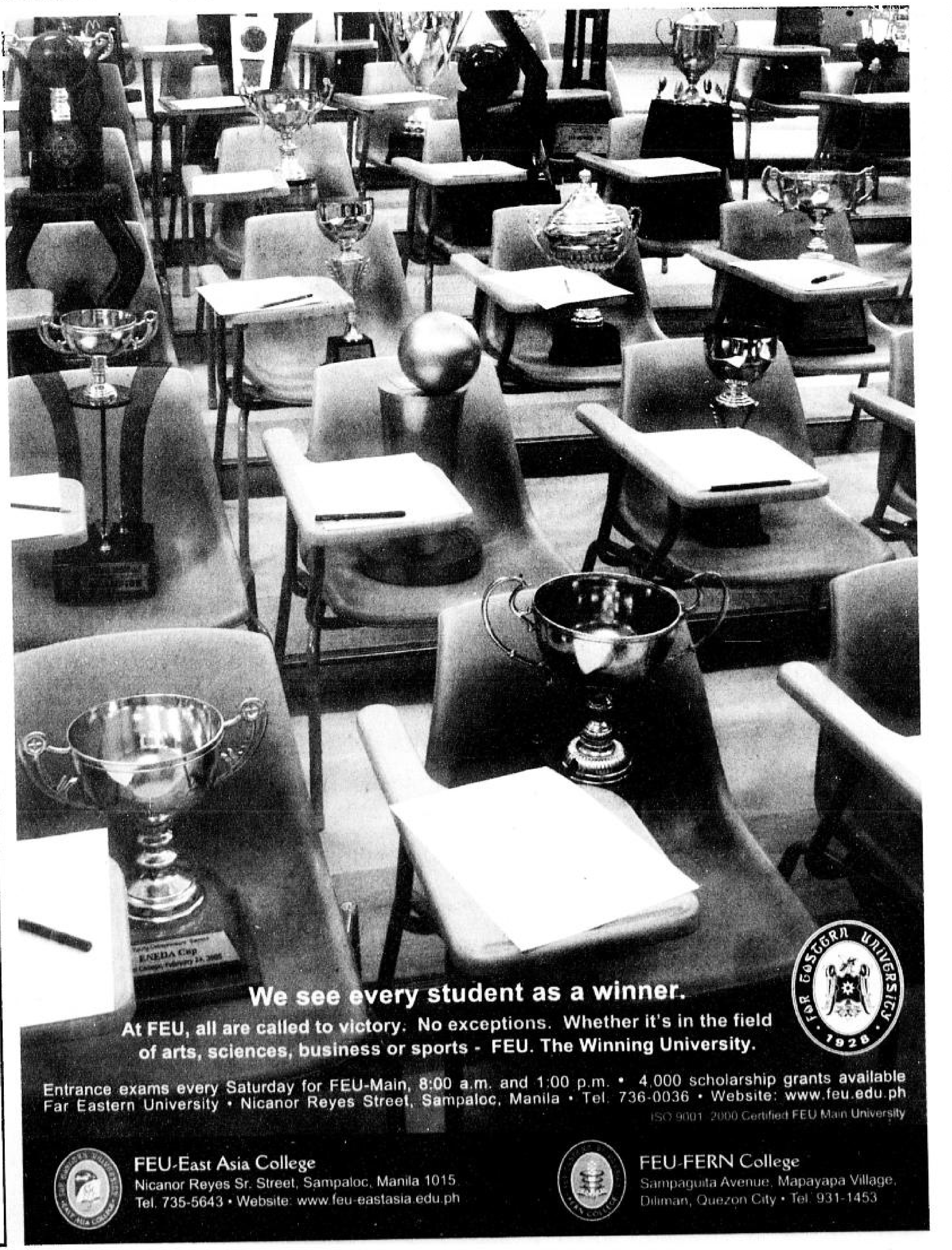
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End to Sorsogon 'fish scare' seen

LEGAZPI CITY—THE "FISH SCARE" THAT HAS HAUNTED the Sorsogueños for several weeks is expected to end with the release of the laboratory examinations made by the University of the Philippines Natural Sciences Research Institute (UP-NSRI) confirming the findings of the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources in Bicol.

Sorsogon City Mayor Sally Lee told reporters here on Friday that Sorsogon fishes were free from mercury contamination and fit for human consumption.

Lee, who commissioned the UP-NSRI to conduct laboratory tests on the surface waters and fish samples, said she hoped the results would help bring back the fishing industry to its feet.

Sorsogon City and the municipalities of Gubat, Prieto-Diaz, Bulusan and Barcelona were hit by a massive fish scare in the past several months which crippled the livelihood of thousands of fishermen.

In its findings covering 69 sampling stations in Albay Gulf and neighboring coasts, the UP-NSRI concluded that all stations sampled for mercury were below the Department of Environment and Natural Resources standard for ambient water (0.002 mg/L) and effluent (0.005 mg/L) where levels range from <0.0002 mg/L to 0.0013 mg/L.

The UP-NSRI also found that all stations sampled were also below the DENR standard for ambient water and effluent (0.005 mg/L) where levels range from <0.0008 mg/L to 0.0016 mg/L.

Bulusan Mayor Johnny Guysayko and Gubat Mayor Ding Ramos said they hoped the latest results would calm down the public and allay their fear of eating fish.

Ramos said fishermen had suffered tremendously as a result of the fish scare, which was being blamed on a ranking official who leaked a premature report to the media.

Even water samples gathered from the Lafayette mining area were proven to be below the allowable level of 0.0005, the NSRI report showed. The mercury level as per report reached only 0.0002.

Governor Lee, however, said that even with these results, the local government would continue monitoring the sea waters from time to time to check its safety.

The governor, the mayors and the local media had a picnic at the Fisherman's Hut in Bacon District feasting on seafoods to show there was nothing to fear in eating such marine products.

Lawyer Julito Sarmiento, Lafayette Philippines Inc. corporate secretary and spokesperson, said the "results favorably show that indeed we do not use mercury in our mining operation" as he expected that the disinformation campaign being posed against Lafayette would finally end to regain its credibility.

Lafayette is the Australian firm which operates the Rapu-Rapu Polymetallic Inc. mining project where the mercury allegedly came from.

Edgar Alejo and Bobby Q. Labalan, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

Samar clergy want chromite mining permit cancelled

By Joey A. Gabieta
PDI Visayas Bureau

TACLOBAN CITY—BISHOP LEONARDO Medroso of Borongan in Eastern Samar and 50 other priests in the diocese have asked Environment Secretary Angelo Reyes to cancel the mining permit issued to the Heritage Resources and Mining Corp. (HRMC), which is engaged in chromite extraction in Homonhon Island, Guiuan, Eastern Samar.

In the letter-petition, Medroso and his priests said the mining activity conducted by the HRMC in the island "has done more harm to the environment and little to alleviate the people's poverty."

"The short-term employment and income benefits mining has provided our people are overshadowed by the environmental costs, social costs and economic costs directly associated with the mining operations," Medroso said.

"The HRMC has seriously undermined the trust of our people, and, consequently, should not be issued a renewed license to operate," the prelate said.

"HRMC's quest for social acceptance on its Homonhon Chromite Project has been met with largely negative response," Medroso said, citing the petition signed by the residents of the island on Jan. 31, 2004, which sought for the closure of HRMC's operation on the island.

The INQUIRER tried to get the side of HRMC through its office in Homonhon but the person who took the call refused to give his name or issue any comment. He said only their president, engineer Roger Casido, can issue a statement. Casido, who is based in HRMC's main office in Quezon City, could not be reached for comment.

But Amelia Blanco of the Mines and Geosciences Bureau of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources-Eastern Visayas said that based on their records, the HRMC is operating legally and that it has complied with all environmental requirements.

"We have done our own investigation and we did not find any violations committed by the HRMC in so far as protecting the island's environment is concerned," Blanco said.

Blanco also said that the petition of the Borongan priests led by Bishop Medroso would be furnished to HRMC through Casido for its comment.

"We have to observe due process here. This is a complaint filed against the mining company," Blanco said.

Eastern Samar Gov. Ben Evardone also expressed support to the Medroso-led petition against the HRMC. He said that aside from the alleged environmental fall-out caused by the mining operations, the company has not complied with its real property tax obligations to the province.

He said that HRMC, for the past 10 years now, has failed to pay its real property tax to the province totaling P3.8 million.

The mining contract of the HRMC is to expire next year after a 25-year contract to conduct chromite extraction in the historic island of Homonhon where Ferdinand Magellan was said to have first landed in the Philippines in March 16, 1521.

Chromite is used for pigmentation and chemical production and metal plating, among others.

The chromite mined from the island is shipped to China, HRMC's main market.

The HRMC's mining area covers over 2,000 hectares located in Barangay Cagusuan, one of the island's eight villages. The island has a total land area of about 11,500 hectares with a population of 4,200 (2000 survey).

In 1983, the company, then known as the Alamag Processing Corp., started its chromite exploration in Homonhon but it took almost 10 years before it started its mining operations on the island.

ROUNDUP

P1.6M given to ARMM

COTABATO CITY—The Canadian government has provided an initial fund of P1.6 million to local government units in the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao for the training of "technical working groups that will initiate community-based economic ventures beneficial to local residents," Ishak Mastura, regional Industry secretary, said. The fund would benefit 17 towns in Lanao del Sur, Maguindanao, Sulu, Tawi-Tawi and Basilan.

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Suspicious corn shipment

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A SHIPMENT of 33,000 metric tons of milled corn from China has arrived at a newly built port in Sariaya, Quezon, raising fears the corn would find its way to local markets to the detriment of farmers and corn producers. The corn, according to sources at the Nation Grains Inc. port would be sold for P4 per kilo. Questions were also raised on the legality of the shipment and whether taxes were paid.

Cell site torched

CAMP VICENTE LIM, Laguna—Six suspected communist rebels burned down a cell site owned by Globe Telecom in Puerto Galera, Oriental Mindoro just before dawn on March 1. Police said suspected New People's Army members disarmed the lone security guard manning the premises, and torched the tower after pouring gasoline onto its control and radio room.

Marlon Ramos, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

Rapist gets 8 life terms

VIRAC, Catanduanes—A judge has sentenced a former construction worker to eight life terms for raping a 13-year-old girl eight times six years ago. Regional Trial Court Judge Genie Gapas-Agbada threw out Jimmy Olonan's defense that the sexual relations were consensual, saying the victim's testimony was more credible as it was "brief but distinctly clear, frank and definite, without any pretension or hint of a concocted story."

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No more unnamed sources, NTC tells networks

By Daxim L. Lucas

BROADCAST NETWORKS MAY no longer air news items coming from "anonymous sources" under new rules approved on Friday.

In a memorandum circular, the National Telecommunications Commission (NTC) officially adopted the guidelines formulated by the Kapisanan ng mga Brodkaster ng Pilipinas (KBP), which will henceforth govern media coverage.

According to the guidelines, "a station may not broadcast news to which it cannot attribute a source."

"News from 'anonymous sources' is not allowed," the memo to KBP members read.

But the same memo distinguished between "anonymous" and "confidential" sources, saying that the latter may be used when airing information deemed essential to the public interest.

"News sources must be clearly identified, except when granted confidentiality," the memo read. "A station may broadcast information provided by confidential sources only if it is in the public interest to do so."

In its circular adopting the guidelines, the NTC said it was supporting the KBP's "strict injunction for broadcast stations not to allow their facilities to be used for advocating the overthrow of government by force of violence, and not to allow the broadcast of material which tend to propose or incite treason, rebellion, sedition, or pose a clear and present danger to the state."

The KBP said that before news from a confidential source could be aired, the station should first look for a source that could be identified or that could corroborate the information provided.

It said journalists may interview suspects or fugitives from the law, as long as they did not "accompany" the latter "while they are planning a crime, traveling to a crime scene, or committing a crime."

The guidelines also outlined rules for public affairs programs and commentaries, saying those "designed primarily to malign, unfairly criticize or attack a person, natural or juridical, shall not be allowed."

The KBP also reiterated a ban on reporters "receiving bribes to slant the news, to favor one side of a story, or to stop a story from being broadcast."

The NTC said the new rules were not a form of censorship but a form of self-regulation being imposed by the umbrella organization of broadcast outfits in the country.

Earlier, NTC Commissioner Ronald Solis said the guidelines would be applied to all media outfits operating in the country whether they were KBP members or not.

7 more print, broadcast journalists watched

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DEFENSE Secretary Avelino Cruz, Justice Secretary Raul Gonzalez, PNP Director General Arturo Lomibao and Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye: Media watch continues. AP

head of ABS-CBN News and Current Affairs, said that even while her team then was still "trying to figure out what was happening," no one had called on the people to come out and support Querubin's call for public protection, or stated that some military units had defected to support their comrades in the Marines.

"We simply aired their statements," Ressa said.

She declined to comment on specific issues until the DOJ had laid down the specific charges against the network, if any.

In a statement, Ressa said: "We will not be intimidated. The news is not propaganda. It is not something to be manipulated, distorted or censored. We will continue giving the public the truth in line with the strict guidelines of our Code of Ethics."

Gonzalez defended the government's continued monitoring of ABS-CBN and other media outfits. He said that while Ms Arroyo had lifted Presidential Proclamation No. 1017 declaring a state of national emergency, "she did so with the caveat that we will continue to be vigilant and monitor on the ground."

'Easy to prove'

Gonzalez said yesterday that the DOJ was reviewing and analyzing video footage, broadcast interviews and comments, and news reports and columns of the seven media persons listed.

"Inciting to sedition is easy to prove," he said, adding that the National Telecommunications Commission (NTC) had been asked to provide the pertinent audio and video materials.

"Every commentary is being monitored to find out which is seditious or not," Gonzalez said, adding that the actions of certain media persons during the Fort Bonifacio standoff were being scrutinized.

But Puno said that after inciting to sedition charges were filed against the Tribune's Olivares, Señeres and Laurel, "sedition is now on the backburner."

"In fact, no media entity was ordered closed. The raid on the Tribune [shortly after PP 1017 was issued] was just laying the predicate. They were even able to continue printing afterwards," he said.

Puno said the Philippine National Police, specifically the Criminal Investigation and Detection Group, was busy identifying the financiers of the coup plot that supposedly led Ms Arroyo to declare a state of emergency.

"We're looking into where the money came from and where it went," he said. *(See story on Page A2.)*

Even the PNP said it had called off its media monitoring activities.

"We've stopped the monitoring of media, the newspapers. *Wala na, negative na,*" Chief Supt. Samuel Pagdilao, the PNP spokesperson, said yesterday.

The Armed Forces' National Capital Region Command, which remained on blue alert, said it had pulled out troops deployed to TV stations and transmission towers.

But the Army's 1,200-strong anticoup task force remained on standby at Fort Bonifacio.

'Just charged'

Gonzalez said those to be charged with inciting to sedition need not fear being arrested without a warrant.

Citing the case of Olivares et al., he said they would still be subjected to preliminary investigation.

"There was no arrest. They were just charged. They will be arrested after the DOJ files the case in court and the court issues arrest warrants for them," he said.

Gonzalez said that inciting to sedition was a bailable offense.

"The bail is minimal. Even you can afford it," he told the INQUIRER in jest.

Gonzalez also said the complaint against Olivares et al. that CIDG operatives filed before the DOJ after office hours on Friday "did not pass through me" and was "based on a police report."

Chief State Prosecutor Jovencito Zuño said that because the complaint was filed after office hours, it could not be assigned to a prosecutor.

"It was simply received by our docket section," said Zuño, who claimed that there was no complaint against the Tribune people when the INQUIRER checked with him on Friday evening.

He said the case against the three would be assigned to a team of prosecutors tomorrow.

Asked if more media persons would be charged, Zuño said: "There will be no more others."

High threshold of evidence

Puno said the general instruction to the PNP was not to charge anyone with inciting to sedition if there was any doubt.

"The threshold of evidence is rather high," he said. "There should be a pattern. We can't charge a person over just one article that carried five sentences that incite to sedition."

Puno expressed doubt that the emergency rule lifted last Friday had changed the way the media covered and reported the national situation.

"[But] one thing it [did was to] make us realize that there are such things that exist, that laws are in place against seditious remarks," he said.

According to Puno, the PNP is now referring to the standards set by the Philippine Press Institute and the Kapisanan ng mga Brodkaster ng Pilipinas (KBP) for guidance."

"The feeling is that if the provisions of the law are implemented in accord with the ethics that the profession has assumed for itself, it will be easier for the media to accept," he said.

He pointed out that the recent "balancing act" between freedom of the press and the security of the state would likely result in a review of the laws on sedition and rebellion.

Self-regulation

In an interview with Vice President Noli de Castro over his radio program, "Para sa Iyo Bayan," veteran broadcasters Joe Taruc of dzRH, Mike Enriquez of dzBB and Rey Langit of dwIZ said the state of national emergency was a reminder to exercise self-regulation.

Enriquez said he had initially thought the trend would lead to a massive crackdown on the media similar to what happened during martial law, but his fears subsided after seeing this was not so.

He said that while dzBB was not a KBP member, it had always practiced self-regulation with or without a state of emergency.

He also said the manual for news reporting of Channel 7 and dzBB news and public affairs programs was even stricter than that of the NTC.

Enriquez said that unlike the print media, radio stations had to secure a franchise from the NTC for the use of the airwaves, making them subject to the commission's regulations.

"If your coverage is balanced, why should you be afraid?" he said.

Taruc said the anxiety on the part of the media was expected because PP 1017 reminded them of the horrors of martial law.

But he said there was nothing to worry about as long as a broadcaster exercised self-regulation.

Langit said broadcasters should not allow themselves to be used for propaganda.

"It's a matter of proper understanding whether a station is being used or not," he said. "Truthful and factual information is what should be presented." *With reports from Cynthia D. Balana and Dona Z. Pazzibugan in Manila; Ma. Diosa Labiste, PDI Visayas Bureau*

Gonzalez: If I can monitor media in Manila, why not in Iloilo City?

By Diosa Labiste
PDI Visayas Bureau

THE LIFTING OF PP 1017 WILL NOT STOP the authorities from monitoring certain newspapers and radio stations in Iloilo City for possible sedition, Justice Secretary Gonzalez said on Friday over dyFM Bombo Radyo.

On Feb. 27, Gonzalez instructed the regional office of the National Bureau of Investigation to monitor the news reports, editorials and commentaries of Panay News and the Daily Informer.

The two newspapers are staunch critics of the justice secretary, who said he had been attacked in blind items, columns and news reports in Panay News.

The commentaries and reports of radio stations will also be closely watched for possible violation of guidelines set by the KBP, Gonzalez said.

In his memo to NBI regional director Mario Sison, Gonzalez said a day-to-day monitoring report would be necessary.

A similar memo was reportedly sent to City Prosecutor Ephraim Baldago, but the latter denied receiving one from Gonzalez.

Asked why he issued the order specifically for the media in Iloilo, Gonzalez said: "If I can monitor the media in Manila, why not in Iloilo City?"

He said there were similar "standing" orders for other areas.

But according to Panay News publisher-owner Daniel Fajardo, Gonzalez was "getting personal" with him.

Fajardo described his newspaper as neutral and one that cherished press freedom.

He said Gonzalez used to write a column for Panay News before being elected representative of the lone district of Iloilo City in 1995.

Daily Informer publisher Bernie Miaque was not available for comment. The editor, Alex Vidal, said he was not authorized to speak on the matter.

Heritage Park ...

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who is proud of his organization and knowledgeable of its history will not go astray.

"[If you know history] you won't do anything wrong; if you do, you would be an embarrassment to your forefathers," Lasar said. "People tend to think little of the PNP. [But] if you look at its history ... it has done many heroic feats."

Construction started in December which centered on the road leading to the White House, the official residence of the police chief. The road ate into valuable park space and needed to be moved.

The construction of the park has gone on full-blast during the last two months. Workers are putting the final touches on the battle monument—statues have been erected and the names of policemen who died in the line of duty have been inscribed on some of the walls.

This portion of the park was inaugurated on PNP Day in January.

The heritage park is located in front of the general headquarters building. It will have a battle monument; historical milestones or tablets depicting the history of the police since 1901; an amphitheater; a monument to Filipino warrior Lapu-Lapu; a monument to Gen. Rafael Crame, the first Filipino officer to head the Philippine Constabulary, and two 12-meter towers symbolizing harmony and cooperation between the community and the PNP.

Park centerpieces

The battle monument and the historical milestones will be the park's centerpieces, according to officials working on the project. The monument's marble walls will be inscribed with the names of policemen who died in the line of duty. The milestones will explain the development of the police from its inception as an arm of the American occupation in the early 1900s to its emergence nearly a century later as an enforcer of laws.

The tablets will also depict the police during World War II, martial law and the 1986 and 2001 People Power revolutions.

History has shown that the police can rise to any challenge, even in the darkest of times.

Making history

In 1986, "rebel" soldiers in Camp Crame led by then Philippine Constabulary chief Fidel V. Ramos and then Defense Minister Juan Ponce Enrile made their stand against the Marcos regime.

Although their firepower was no match for the former strongman's tanks and armies, they refused to surrender. Millions of people went to Edsa to bodily shield the breakaway soldiers, and the rest is history.

A decade earlier, in the little town of Quinapondan, Eastern Samar, two policemen, armed only with a .38-cal. handgun and an M-14 rifle, defended their police station against an attack by 20 armed New People's Army rebels.

The town had 11 policemen, but only Chief Insp. Cayetano Gannaban and two others—PO1 Raul Graza and PO1 Alexander Villaflor—were on duty.

Graza spotted the approaching rebels, so he and Gannaban rushed to the armory on the second floor of the police building and prepared to dig in. Villaflor was trapped in the toilet on the ground floor.

When the rebels shouted, "Surrender *kamo!*" the cops answered with a volley of gunfire and succeeded in repelling the attack.

Heroic

Lasar, former head of the Directorate for Police Community Relations, envisions a park where policemen and civilians could stroll and learn something "heroic" about an organization routinely regarded as one of the most corrupt in the Philippines.

"When civilians read and look at the inscriptions [on the historical milestones], they will get to know police history," Lasar told the INQUIRER.

"When PNP members see the tablets, they will become proud of their organization, which could lead to better performance of duty," he said.

Last year, PNP Director General Arturo Lomibao released P6 million for the P16-million heritage park.

A budget officer told the INQUIRER the project was "unprogrammed," meaning it was not included in the police's projected expenses last year.

The rest of the money could be sourced from donations or from the PNP budget itself. The police's engineering unit said many private groups had expressed their readiness to help out.

"We're very proud of this," said Sr. Supt. Francisco Llamas, who hopes to unveil the park at the PNP anniversary, usually celebrated during the first quarter of the year.

Its completion, however, would depend on the availability of funds. It could take until the middle of 2006 to finish, Llamas said.

Inspiration

There is an existing museum located at the back of the Anti-Illegal Drugs Special Operations Task Force office and hidden from public view.

According to officials, there are plans to employ a "full-time curator" for the museum which will be linked to the heritage park by a pathway.

There is also an existing battle monument located beside a rotonda, a spot hardly fitting for a memorial.

"To hold a ceremony, you need to stop traffic," Lasar said. "We will transfer it to a beautiful place, to the heritage park."

Lasar, who retired last Nov. 23, said the park was his contribution to the PNP.

"We have to know [our] history," he said. "[We] will have no aspiration, no reason to think about the future if [we] do not have a colorful past. History serves as inspiration."

GMA reaches out to restive troops, ready for talks

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anew its hand of reconciliation to certain personalities and sectors opposed to the President.

For one, the resumption of reconciliation talks with Estrada would have to be "subject to appropriate timing," Bunye said.

Need for vigilance

The Palace seems to have turned cold to making peace with Estrada. The ousted President has admitted giving funds to military elements but made it clear the money was intended to help them with some of their projects and not to fund any destabilization campaign.

Bunye said that more important than reconciliation now was for the Department of National Defense, the Philippine National Police and the Department of Justice to continue their vigilance until the "tension has subsided."

Two key military officers, Brig. Gen. Danilo Lim and Col. Ariel Querubin, have been relieved of their commands in the face of the the military restiveness.

Apparently to justify Ms Arroyo's emergency proclamation last week, Malacañang has released its own account of what happened before the two officers were stripped of their commands.

But the account raised questions on whether they were really the coup plotters some portrayed them to be.

For one thing, according to the Palace briefing paper, it was actually the two officers who informed Armed Forces Chief of Staff Gen. Generoso Senga of the plan of their men to join anti-Arroyo rallies on Feb. 24,

This goes against the expected behavior of coup conspirators, who would normally keep their plans ultra-secret.

Ms Arroyo declared a state of national emergency on Feb. 24 after learning from Senga and Army chief Lt. Gen. Hermogenes Esperon that Lim planned to withdraw support from her.

Lim and Querubin, stripped of their commands of the First Scout Ranger Regiment and the First Marine Brigade, respectively, are now facing investigation prior to a possible court-martial.

Chain of command

According to the briefing paper presented by Cabinet secretary Ricardo Saludo to some 300 junior officers and men in Camp Aguinaldo last Wednesday, Lim and Querubin told Senga on the late afternoon of Feb. 23 that "restive young officers and men planned to join rallies on Feb. 24 to provide critical mass and the armed component to the protests."

"Lim and Querubin said they might not be able to dissuade these troops from their plan, and there were indications that the two may also join them," according to Saludo's paper, titled "Chronology of Conspiracy."

Later, during a meeting with Senga and the Army, Navy and Air Force chiefs, "Lim and Querubin were ... advised to stop troops from joining the protests, but they did not seem willing to do so," acccording to the paper.

After Lim and Querubin left the meeting, Senga and the major service commanders called up all military commanders in the country to "secure the AFP chain of command and its loyalty," the paper said.

"At General Senga's advice, Lim submitted to the AFP Chief of Staff's custody," it added.

Conspiracy with leftists

Senga later claimed he learned of Lim's planned withdrawal of support from "other sources."

A separate documentary produced by Malacañang and shown to reporters the other day claimed that Lim, Querubin and former Sen. Gregorio Honasan were also involved in a conspiracy with communist rebels to overthrow Ms Arroyo.

Collapse of posts blamed on quake

By Jocelyn R. Uy

FOUR ELECTRICAL POSTS FELL DOWN ONE after the other along a commercial strip in Makati City Friday afternoon, causing a power outage in the area.

The Makati Development Corp., an Ayala-owned contractor, said the incident was triggered by the collapse of a wall around an excavation site in Arnaiz Avenue (formerly Pasay Road).

The wall beside the TRAG, a high-rise condominium under construction, "collapsed due to excessive water saturation of the soil along Arnaiz Avenue," Engr. Andres Castillo, TRAG project manager, said in a statement.

The excessive water, on the other hand, came from a leaking pipe which was probably busted because of the 5.7 quake that jolted Metro Manila Wednesday night, he added.

"The [sidewalk] on the portion where the wall collapsed was also damaged," affecting traffic flow along Arnaiz Avenue between Paseo de Roxas and Edsa, District 3 Fire Marshal Supt. Sofia Mendoza told the INQUIRER yesterday

Castillo said the stretch will be temporarily closed until the damaged electrical posts have been repaired.

"As soon as Meralco is able to clear the road, the Manila Water and Sewerage System team will begin undertaking restoration work on the main water line," he added.

SUPT. Rodolfo Llorca, head of the Manila police anti-drugs task force, questions drug suspects arrested in Sampaloc, Manila. REM ZAMORA

Police raid drug den, arrest 19 persons

By Tina G. Santos

NINETEEN PEOPLE, TWO OF THEM MINORS, were arrested when the police raided a three-story house reportedly being used as a drug den in Sampaloc, Manila, yesterday.

P02 Marlon San Pedro, a member of the District Anti-Illegal Drugs Special Operations Task Force of the Manila Police District (MPD) which conducted the raid, said the house, which had several rooms, was protected by several steel gates.

It was located near the railroad tracks, on G. Tuazon Street, and just 100 meters away from the MPD Station 4 headed by Supt. Bernard Diaz.

The police, backed up by Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency agents and a K-9 unit, barged into the house shortly before 2 p.m. after receiving a tip from an informant.

They were armed with a search warrant issued by Manila Regional Trial Court Judge Antonio Eugenio Jr., supposedly meant for five of the suspects identified as Bec-bec and Edward Simbol, Bianong, Susan and Cherry Estacio.

Prior to the raid, San Pedro said they had conducted surveillance and test-buys to verify the information of their asset—that the house was reportedly being used as a drug den.

When the police came, they had to use an acetylene torch to open the steel gate as the suspects refused to let them in and even pretended that nobody was home by switching off the lights. When they had made an opening in the gate, they encountered four more steel doors before they were finally able to enter the house.

Recovered from the house were 35 sachets of metamphetamine hydrochloride—which has a street value of P35,000 or P1,000 each—and drug paraphernalia such as tooters and pipes, aluminum foil, assorted lighters and scissors.

Shabu is reportedly the most commonly used drug in the country, followed by marijuana.

2 robbers caught in QC

TWO MOTORCYCLE-riding men were arrested after they snatched the bag of a doctor on Tomas Morato, Quezon City, on Friday evening.

A police report filed by Supt. Oriero Sorinao identified the victim as Dr. Maria Verónica Sarmiento Cortez, of Yakal St., Project 3, Quezon City.

Cortez said that she had in her bag P12,000 in cash, a pair of pearl earrings, a ring worth P10,000, a cellphone, an ATM card, identification cards and other important documents.

Witnesses, however, gave the motorcycle's make (a Honda XRM) and license plate (NQ 1882) to the police who traced the ownership of the vehicle.

This later led to the arrest of Richie de Lara Candelario, 27, and Macario Dumpaplin Celeste, 25, both residents of South Triangle, Quezon City. *Nancy C. Carvajal*

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INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

The Baguio Water District, through its Bids and Awards Committee (BAC), invites contractors registered with and classified by the Philippine Contractors Accreditation Board (PCAB) to apply for eligibility and if found eligible, to bid for the hereunder contracts.

	CONTRACT A	CONTRACT B
Name of Contract	Pipeline Installation for Irisan Well	Contraction of 2-units reinforced concrete pumphouses and steel sump tanks for Irisan well.
Location	Irisan, Baguio City	Irisan, Baguio City
Brief Description	The project involves the pipelaying of 12" Ø x 2.8 km and 6" Ø x 1 km pipelines	The project involves the construction of 2-units reinforced concrete pumphouses with steel sump tanks, riprap works and perimeter fence.
Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC)	Php 7,965,611.50	Php 2,199,076.10
Contract Duration	55 calendar days	34 calendar days

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Prospective bidders should possess a valid PCAB License applicable to the contract, have completed a similar contract with a value of at least 50% of the ABC, and have key personnel and equipment (listed in the Eligibility Forms) available for the prosecution of the contract. The BAC will use a non-discretionary pass-fail criteria in the Eligibility Check/Screening as well as in the Preliminary Examination of Bids. The BAC will conduct post-qualification on the lowest calculated bid.

All particulars relative to Eligibility Statement and Screening, Bid Security, Performance Security, Pre-Bid Conference/s, Evaluation of Bids, Post-Qualification and Award of Contract shall be governed by the pertinent provisions of R.A. 9184 and its Implementing Rules and Regulation (IRR).

The schedule of BAC activities is as follows:

BAC Activities	Schedule
1. Receipt from interested bidders Letter of Intent (LOI) including Application for Eligibility and simultaneous issuance of Eligibility Forms	March 13-16, 2006
2. Submission of Eligibility Documents	March 28, 2006, 5:00 pm
3. Issuance of Results of Eligibility Check	April 4, 2006

The BAC will issue Eligibility Forms to interested bidders upon the submission of a Letter of Intent to the BAC Secretariat at the Baguio Water District, Purok BWD, 003 Brgy. Marcoville, Baguio City and upon payment of a non-refundable amount of Two Thousand Pesos (P2,000.00) to the Baguio Water District Cashier. Interest bidders shall submit the Eligibility Requirements to the BAC at the said address and on the due date as specified above.

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The Baguio Water District assumes no responsibility whatsoever to compensate or indemnify bidders for any expenses incurred in the preparation of their bids.

The Baguio Water District reserves the right to reject any and/or bids or not to award the contract in accordance with the pertinent provisions of RA 9184 and its implementing rules and regulations.

(Sgd.) Engr. SALVADOR M. ROYECA
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7. For inquiries, please contact Engr. Danilo Almoite or Ms. Lilian Tabinga at telephone number 817-47-11 local 174.

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Prisoners learn new skill

By Tarra V. Quismundo

THANKS TO AN IN-HOUSE TRAINING PROGRAM, 21 Makati City Jail (MCJ) inmates have learned a new skill that will hopefully help them start life afresh once they are freed.

The 21 prisoners—14 males and 7 females—have just completed a month-long computer literacy course, the first batch of inmates to benefit from a multi-agency detainees' welfare project at the MCJ.

"I have long planned to take lessons, but I was conscious of going back to school because of my age... That's why I felt it was a blessing in disguise that I got in, because this is where I learned about computers. Hopefully, when I am set free, I can get a job that has something to do with computers, even if it's not that high-paying," said Juan Carlos Genanda, 36. He has been in jail for two years on drug charges.

For single mother Fe Carranza, 42, the computer course was a welcome break from prison routine, and a worthwhile experience that may set her on the path to a new life should she be acquitted by the court. "It feels good because we knew nothing about computers then and we were given this chance...," she said.

Genanda, Carranza and the other inmates were selected from among MCJ's over 700 prisoners to participate in the course, said Jail Officer 3 William Bautista, chief of the Inmates' Welfare and Development Unit (IWDU), MCJ's rehabilitation arm.

"They were nominated by their mayor (the head of a prison cell), then out of the list, I chose the indigents and those who have had no visitors based on records," Bautista said.

Under the program, the 21 inmates were given two-hour lessons on basic computer applications: word processor Microsoft Word; virtual drawing tool Paint; the spreadsheet calculation program Excel; and office presentation maker, Powerpoint.

After completing the required 40 hours of training, they were given certificates by the Technical Education and Skills Development Authority, the manpower empowerment arm of the Department of Labor and Employment.

An idea hatched three years ago, the MCJ Computer Training Program started in January with the support of several private and government organizations, said Bautista.

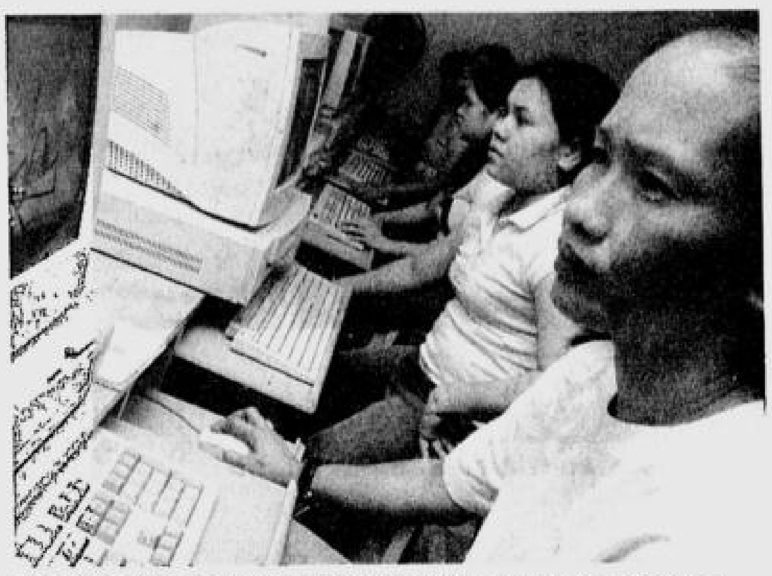
Through links with organizations concerned with detainees' welfare, the IWDU received assistance for the program. The MCJ Integrated Group, a non-government organization of retired professionals, donated P200,000 in cash while the Rotary Club of Jose P. Rizal gave 10 computers.

Makati Training Placement and Livelihood Consortia, a city-supported employment and training program for residents, provided the trainer.

"At first, I had apprehensions because I had the impression that people in jail were violent or rowdy. But when I began teaching them, they showed me they were really willing to learn, because they really listened," the trainer, 21-year-old Gerardo Paolo Tabirao, said.

Despite the computers that would sometimes shut down by themselves, and the heat inside the half-completed training room, a transfer of skill occurred inside the prison's walls, encouraged by the mutual longing of both program administrators and detainees to help the inmates better themselves.

"As the Bible says, if you are able to bring back to society a changed man, thousands of angels will rejoice in the heavens," Bautista said.



MAKATI City Jail inmates: From computer illiterate to computer-savvy.
RUDY ESPERAS

Teenager dreads leaving 'home'

By DJ Yap

TALES OF THE CITY

TURNING 18 AND BECOMING AN ADULT can be a difficult time for a teenager. For Andrew, however, it was downright terrifying.

Adulthood for him meant leaving behind his friends, his teachers and the place he has called home for the past several months. It also meant entering a far less friendly environment: the Quezon City Jail.

Andrew is an inmate at the Molave Youth Home, a special detention center in Quezon City for youth offenders aged 17 and below.

When his 18th birthday came in April last year, he felt not a little trepidation, knowing it signaled the beginning of the end of his stay at Molave.

Andrew is not alone: Other inmates, once they had turned 18, often pleaded with social workers at the center to allow them to stay.

But under the rules of the youth home, detainees like Andrew, who have come of age but whose cases have not been resolved, will have to be moved to the city jail.

The heart of the city's residential and rehabilitation division chief Maribel Cayco goes out to them, but there's nothing she can do.

Adulthood virtually strips youth offenders of all the protection accorded to them by the law when they were still minors. Now, they will be treated like any suspected criminal.

"(Jail) will be a completely different world," Cayco said. "It's heartbreaking for us to see those boys go, but the re's nothing we can do," she added.

Created in 1973, Molave is a facility that provides temporary custody and care for offenders aged between 9 and 17, while they undergo trial for crimes ranging from petty theft to murder.

To most of its young wards, it is also home.

Located at a building behind City Hall, Molave has six dormitories with double-deck beds, a mess hall and kitchen, a sunning facility with a basketball court, among other amenities.

There are 163 inmates at Molave, of whom 10 are girls. They are taught non-formal Math, Science and English lessons, as well as vocational training courses, by social workers.

At present, Andrew is still at Molave, awaiting his transfer papers. He does not want to think about the next few weeks, paralyzed by the thought that he will be leaving what has been like a sanctuary to him.

Still, he tries to put on a brave face. "I know there's still hope that my case will be finished before I'm transferred," he said.

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JAN-FEB 2006 OVERALL RATINGS
Mega Manila TV Households

	Jan-Feb 2006
GMA	18.2
ABS-CBN	14.0
DIFF (GMA-ABS)	4.2

CHANNEL RATINGS BY DAYPART
Mega Manila TV Households Jan - Feb 2006

	MORNING (6 am - 12 nn)	AFTERNOON (12 pm - 6 pm)	EVENING (6 pm - 12 mn)
GMA	9.5	19.6	25.6
ABS-CBN	6.8	14.6	20.7

9 OUT OF THE TOP 10 PROGRAMS ARE ON GMA
Mega Manila TV Households Jan - Feb 2006

RANK	PROGRAM	CHANNEL	RATINGS %
1	JEWEL IN THE PALACE	GMA	34.7
2	MY NAME IS KIM SAM SOON	GMA	32.3
3	ENCANTADIA: PAG-IBIG HANGGANG WAKAS	GMA	32.2
4	BITOY'S FUNNIEST VIDEOS	GMA	30.3
5	SA PILING MO	ABS-CBN	29.6
6 - 7	EXTRA CHALLENGE	GMA	29.3
	24 ORAS	GMA	29.3
8	ETHERIA	GMA	29.2
9	SUGO	GMA	28.4
10	STARSTRUCK: THE NATIONWIDE INVASION	GMA	28.3

NO.1 SA LAHAT NG URI NG PROGRAMA ANG GMA
Mega Manila TV Households Jan - Feb 2006

GENRE	PROGRAM	CHANNEL	RATINGS %
Anime/Cartoons	Dragon Ball Z	GMA	14.8
Children's Educational	Art Angel	GMA	8.2
Comedy (Sitcom/Gag)	Bitoy's Funniest Videos	GMA	30.3
Drama (Primetime)	Jewel In The Palace	GMA	34.7
Drama (Daytime)	Daisy Siete	GMA	21.4
Magazine Show	Kapuso Mo, Jessica Soho	GMA	28.1
News	24 Oras	GMA	29.3
Public Affairs	Imbestigador	GMA	27.5
Reality/Game Show	Extra Challenge	GMA	29.3
General Talk Show	Mel & Joey	GMA	24.3
Showbiz Talk Show	Startalk	GMA	16.5
Variety Show	Eat Bulaga	GMA	26.8

Asahan n'yo pong patuloy kaming maghahatid ng mga programang inyong kagigiliwan, aabangan at tunay na pagkakatiwalaan.

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Tigers, Express clash in opener

By June Navarro

FORGET ABOUT COCA-COLA HITting rock-bottom and Air21 spreading its wings to scale new heights. Perish the thought that San Miguel Beer and Alaska have discarded their old labels as favorites.

GAMES TODAY
(Araneta Coliseum)
4:15 p.m.—Air21 vs Coca-Cola
6:30 p.m.—San Miguel Beer vs Alaska

After finishing dead-last the last two conferences, the Tigers are out to seek redemption when they kick off their Gran Matador-PBA Philippine Cup stint against the Express at 4:15 p.m. following brief opening ceremonies at the Araneta Coliseum.

San Miguel and Alaska, which swapped key players in the short break between tournaments in efforts to regain their old, fearsome forms, tangle in the 6:30 p.m. contest.

World Boxing Council light flyweight champion Brian Viloria will do the ceremonial toss in the Express-Tigers game with the Philharmonic Orchestra doing the national anthem during the opening ceremony.

The Beermen, who nose-dived to eighth place in the import-spiced Fiesta Conference following a championship run the tournament before, let go of old hand Nic Belasco for point guard Brandon Cablay to put youth in its ageing backcourt.

"We now have younger legs and a couple of fresh faces to strengthen our bid for the championship," said San Miguel Beer coach Jong Uichico, who also acquired Wesley Gonzales from the Express.

Rebounding demon Belasco, on the other hand, gives the Aces a solid inside presence aside from a reliable outside shot rarely seen from a power forward his size. Eddie Laure, the former MBA star from the Batangas Blades, was also signed from free agency to also work the paint.

Rensy Bajar, who went untapped in the dispersal draft when Shell disbanded at the start of the season, was inked for the back-up job to Mike Cortez with Cablay gone.

"Our team is within the radar but not under the microscope," said Alaska coach Tim Cone, noting that Talk 'N Text, Red Bull, Barangay Ginebra and San Miguel are the teams to watch.

Meanwhile, ABC Sports will air the opening ceremonies with managing director Bobby Barreiro promising a more exciting coverage built on the theme: "Pinoy sa Pinoy: Laban kung Laban."

Though Cone did not mention them, the Express also can't be disregarded, especially after a glorious run in the Fiesta Conference that resulted in the first final four appearance in Air21's history.

"That semifinal experience certainly made us a better team," said coach Bo Perasol. "I see nothing wrong if we set our sights on the championship this time."

Ronald Tubid and Gary David will have to sit out a few games due to injuries even as Mark Telan, brought in from Talk 'N Text, looms as a third inside option for Perasol after the De Ocampo brothers Ranidel and Yancy.

The Tigers will be coming off woeful campaigns in the last two tournaments and coach Binky Favis believes that he has the tools but is short in a critical aspect needed to win games—chemistry.

"We just have to stick and play more games together," Favis said. "Soon, the chemistry will be there."

Pinay US cycling wonder girl

By Recah Trinidad

COL D'ASPIN
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RIVERA: The best in her class.

THE WIRY, OLIVE-SKINNED teenager swears she wanted to excel.

No, not just excel, but be the best of the best.

Truth is Coryn Rivera, 13, is already the best cyclist in her class and age.

Not only around Tustin, California where she resides with her Filipino parents.

Coryn is the best in her class in the whole of the United States of America.

That's not easy to believe going by her looks.

Coryn is lean, not exactly hefty, as power riders go.

But the latest listing in her achievement chart reads:

2005 USCF Junior National champion in individual time trial.

2005 USCF Junior National champion in criterium.

2005 SCNCA state champion in time trial.

2005 SCNCA Junior state champion in road race.

There's actually a long list of her top finishes but her father, Wally, can't hide his pride that his daughter, in 7th grade at the Pioneer Middle School, has become the best in her class and age in the whole of the USA.

"She's a wonder girl, one of a kind," says Rolando Hiso, former RP cycling team member, now based in Chicago.

Hiso, a great backer of RP riders in international meets, has gone out of his way to plug for the young US national cycling champ.

In a way, Hiso is sending a message to responsible RP sports decision makers to look and see for themselves.

A sample of her excellence is reflected in her race results in 2005: Red Trolley Classic,2/6/2005, Jr. women 13-14, first; St. Valentine's Day Criterium, 2/13/2005, Jr. women 13-14, first; Valley of the Sun, 2/18/2005 Jr. women, 12-14, first.

Of course, it was not always win, win, win for this wonder girl.

She also had to scramble from behind but, through the painstaking guidance of her father, a former Tondo resident, Coryn was exposed to a scientific regimen.

She does train hard, everyday. But Coryn, 13 going on 14, does not sacrifice her studies.

She also happens to be a straight-A student, beams the proud father.

She has discipline, determination and a burning ambition to excel.

Coryn says one of her ultimate goals is to participate in the Olympics.

She lists as her goal: To develop my cycling skills in a scientific and proven form of training without taking the fun away from cycling in order to win national championships, state championships; to qualify for the junior worlds in the future and ultimately to become an Olympian.

Coryn Rivera may not look it, but she's definitely headed for the top

But here's the most significant thing she has said: She wants to represent the Philippines in the Olympics.

Before the USA gets a stranglehold on this born winner, Ms Rivera has listed her email at c.riveraracing@yahoo.com

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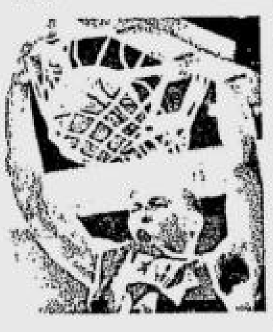
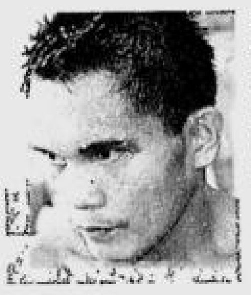


Armenian foils Gabi's title bid



GABI

IT WAS GOODNIGHT for Filipino Diosdado Gabi in the eighth round.

After putting up a splendid stand for seven rounds, Gabi absorbed a big left to the jaw which was all Vic Darchinyan needed to retain his International Boxing Federation flyweight title by technical knockout Friday in the eighth round of their 12-round fight at the Chumash Resort Casino in Sta. Ynez, California.

The end for the third-ranked challenger from Davao City came at the 2:42 mark of the eighth after the Armenian-born Australian stepped up his attack and sent the Filipino down with a big left.

Gabi, who has never been knocked out going into the fight, managed to get up at the count of eight, but referee David Mendoza stopped the action, later saying that Gabi was "glassy-eyed and his equilibrium was off."

The power-hitting Darchinyan, who also retained his lightly regarded International Boxing Organization title, raised his unbeaten record to 25 wins, 20 of them inside the distance.

But he was all praises for Gabi, who took his fourth loss in 30 fights.

"I could not believe Gabi took so many punches," Darchinyan was quoted as saying. "I was impressed. He is a really good fighter with an impressive jab."

"I saw he was tough after the first few rounds so I started to move around more and wait for openings. I gained more power with each round and felt stronger as the fight progressed," the champion added.

Gabi, who was also trained by American Freddie Roach, acquitted himself well in this fight between southpaws, using his jab and technical skills to befuddle and at times put Darchinyan in dire straits.

Even Showtime executives paid tribute to Gabi's game performance.

Before the fatal eighth, Darchinyan was only ahead by one point based on the scorecards of most boxing experts, who gave Gabi the first, third and sixth rounds.

The loss was a letdown for RP boxing fans, who were looking forward to Gabi pulling off another big win following the recent successes of Manny Pacquiao and Brian Viloria.

Pacquiao avenged his loss to Erik Morales last January while Viloria retained his World Boxing Council light flyweight title last month. Both were trained by Roach. *Salven L. Lagumbay, contributor*

Manny, Jinky flying to HK for vacation

FILIPINO boxing superstar Manny Pacquiao and wife Jinky will fly to Hong Kong tomorrow for a much-needed vacation, before buckling down to work for his coming fight with Oscar "Chololo" Larios.

The Pacquiao-Larios 10-round non-title bout will definitely be held in the Philippines, a source privy to the deal said, adding that ABS-CBN and San Miguel Corporation have already expressed unequivocal support to the event.

"The date we're looking at are June 18, 25 or July 2, and it's going to be in the Philippines," said Pacquiao's business associate Rex "Wakee" Salud, who will co-promote the fight.

HBO has reportedly offered Pacquiao $2.1 million to face Larios, with the American cable network covering the fight. *Salven Lagumbay*

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10. Unit 2 B	LA - 323.69	8,092,000
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55. H & L, Lot 6,7 & 8, Block B, #10 Progressive Village 7 Subd. Brgy. San Nicolas, Bacoor	LA - 740 FA - 352.10	3,000,000
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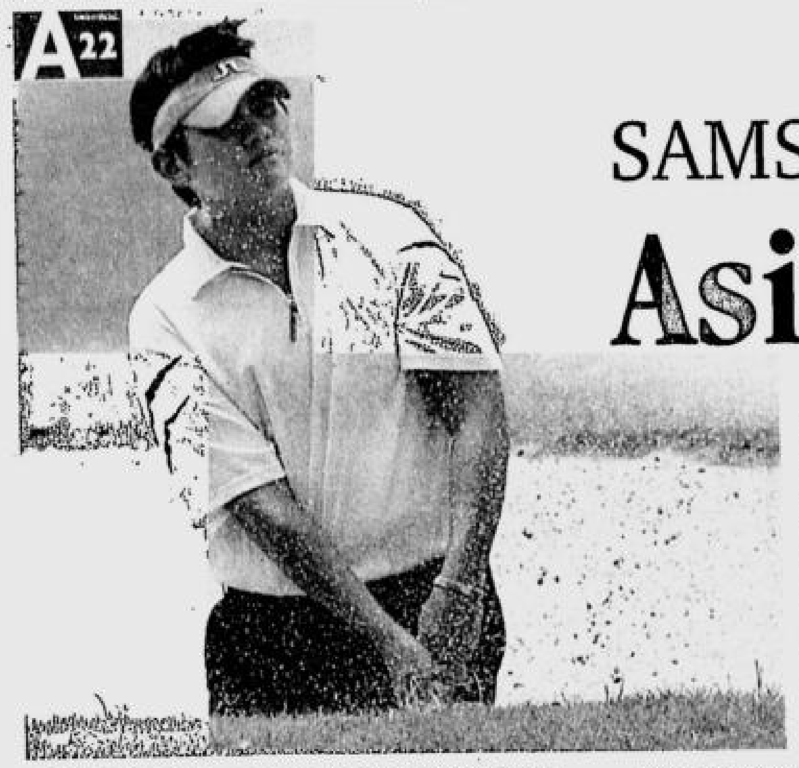

TONLITS Asistio recovers from four shots down. ERNIE U. SARMIENTO

SAMSUNG TOUR

Asistio, Bibat joint leaders

LIPA, BATANGAS—TEENER TONLITS ASISTIO battled back from four strokes down but sputtered with a bogey on No. 18 and settled for an even par 72 and a tie with Michael Bibat after three rounds of the Samsung Amateur Golf Tour grand finals at the Summit Point Golf and Country Club here yesterday.

Counting his back-to-back 74s, Asistio assembled a 54-hole aggregate of 220 like Bibat, who submitted a 75 capped by a birdie on the 17th.

Second-round leader Boyet Saragoza skied to a 77 marred by a double-bogey on No. 15 but at 221 remained in the thick of the title fight.

Erwin Vinluan carded a 75 and stayed five strokes off the pace with a 225 while Jong Laput brought up the rear at 233 heading into the final round of the event sponsored by Samsung and backed by Philippine Air Lines, the official carrier, Tokyo Tokyo, KZG, Microtel, Coppertone Sport, Sunbolt, Rudy Project, C-Lium Fiber and Sports Plus.

Bibat led after a birdie on No. 3 only to take three straight bogeys from No. 10.

The 16-year-old Asistio birdied the fifth and 10th holes but bogeyed the sixth.

Meanwhile, Shean Bedi shot a 76 to post a one-shot lead over Rodel Mangulabnan and Gary Sales, who carded identical 77s, in the first round of the 36-hole duel in Class A.

Bill Yoon grabbed the Class B lead by five over Song Moi Young with a 76 while Emil Alviar dominated Class C with an 80 for a seven-stroke lead over Han Soong Woo, who made an 87. Raul Ilagan carded an 88 to erect a six-shot lead over Emmanuel Santiago, shooting a 94, in Class D.

In ladies play, Beverly Mendoza fired a 72 to show the way for Crystal Superal, who had a 73, in Class A, while Joy Sevilla led Class B with an 81. Beth Salazar made a 94 to pace Class C.

Tough format for 2nd Caddies' Open

CALATAGAN, BATANGAS—THE SECOND PLAYING of the National Caddies' Open, scheduled March 13-17 in three courses, will follow a stringent tournament format in order to pick out the finest from what is expected to be another big field.

There will be cuts in each of the first three rounds as only the elite 20 scores and ties will advance to the final 18 holes scheduled at tough Wack Wack in Mandaluyong.

Challenging Calatagan here, a Robert Trent Jones gem, will be the venue of the first 36 holes, and those who fail to crack 90 in the first round will be eliminated before the field is cut to the top 50 percent of scores and ties.

A free practice round will be held at the par-72 layout known for its bending fairways, tree-lined roughs and fast greens on Monday.

The third round will be played at wind-swept Canlubang in Laguna.

Participants are advised to bring certified true copies of their birth certificates or any document that could certify that they are 25 years old or below on tournament day.

Free shuttle buses will leave Villamor Golf Club at 6 a.m. on Monday (March 13). The tournament will provide the participants with housing, food, inland transportation and caddies' fees for the last two rounds.

Nomination forms can be faxed to NCO secretariat at Calatagan (fax 0919-5470619) or Wack Wack c/o Carlito Cernal (02)723-8556. Inquiries can be coursed through Dave Hernandez at 0917-8425275 and 0917-8425257.

KIMONI ACADEMY: Former national coach Martin Araneta signs up with Kimoni International as endorser and head of the Kimoni Badminton Academy. Call 414-5258 for details or log on to www.kimoni.com.ph. Seated (from left) KP president Billy Lim-it, Araneta and Luigi So, KP director. Behind are Willy Agbulos and Gary Tulio.

RACING TIPS

BY TOP CHOICE

Race 1—(Qrt/Tri)—Golden Number (5), Rivendel (4), Mucho Man (8), Guardian (7)
Race 2—(Qrt/Tri)—Romario (6), Rock Attack Attack (5), Silver Dollar (7), Gelay's Charm (4)
Race 3—(Qrt/Tri)—Maria Makiling (7), Puah (2), Real Queen (4), Alexis Magic (3)
Race 4—(Penta/Tri)—Brenda Starr (5), Gutsy (2), Red Phoenix (9), God Is Good /Richie Rich (3), Sovereign Dancer (6)
Race 5—(Tri)—Summer Gear (1), Coromell (5), Moneyline (2)
Race 6—(Penta/Tri)—Uncle (1), Princess Adarna (9), Sweet Felicity (5), The Dominator (3), Fernan Ikaw Pa Rin (7)
Race 7—(Tri)—Bull Rider (2), Sharon's Cookie (3), Angel Of Light (1)
Race 8—(Super 6/Tri)—Golden Tower (6), Mandalay Bay (2), Long Road/Ocean Dignity (8), St. Emilion (1), La Española (4), Run Doding Fly (3)
Race 9—(Qrt/Tri)—Heroics (3), Chariot Of Fire (5), Marque (1), Absolute Charmer (6)
Race 10—(Qrt/Tri)—Movahead/Puppy Dog Tail (1), Hazmagic (6), Virginia (5), District Three (7)
Race 11—(Penta/Tri)—Makati Haven (5), My Lucky Date (4), Besame Mucho (9), Western Dancer (8), Terminator (7)
Race 12—(Qrt/Tri)—Run Like D' Wind (6), Speed Admiral (5), Perky Perp (4), Lord Brian (2)
Race 13—(Super 6/Qrt/Tri)—Brittney's Magic (6), Hezabellagio (8), Cool Operator (5), Order of Merit (1), Song Bird (10), Loving Thunder (4)

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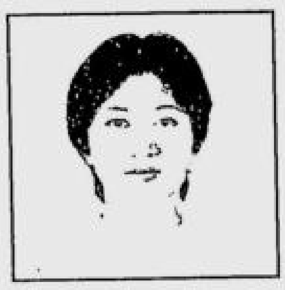

This is to inform the public that **MS. ROSEMARIE V. SIMANGAN** whose photograph appears above, is no longer connected with **The Insular Life Assurance Company, Ltd.**, as of 22 June 2005 and any transactions made for and in behalf of the Company on or after the said date shall not be honored.

(PDI--March 5, 2006)

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Furthermore, Cebu Pacific also denies any liability or responsibility whatsoever arising from or in connection to the aforementioned accreditation and certification of Capt. Levy Saren and/or FS Standard Philippines.

It is requested that any party who has been shown or given any of the abovementioned documents to immediately contact Cebu Pacific.

(PDI- March 5, 12 & 19, 2006)

National Steel Corporation

LOT FOR SALE
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Land Area: 145,305 sqm.

Developed Portion: 105,374 sqm.
- with electricity access, overhead tank, concrete roads, and drainage system

Undeveloped Portion: 39,931 sqm.

Last day of submission of sealed bid is on March 14, 2006 at 2:00 PM.

For more information including the terms and conditions of the sale, please call us at 752-4495 to 98 c/o Ara Agliam / Larry de Lara / Jess Garcia or visit us at National Steel Corporation, Unit 2701 88 Corporate Center Condominium #141 Sedeño cor Valero Streets, Salcedo Village, Makati City.

NSC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to waive any formality found therein, and to accept such proposals as may be considered most advantageous to its interest.

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Health
Cagayan Valley Medical Center
Regional Tertiary, Teaching and Training Hospital
Carig, Tuguegarao City, Cagayan
Tel. No. 844-1410 or 1810

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

Republic of the Philippines
Cagayan Valley Medical Center
Delivery & Supply of Drugs and Medicines

The Cagayan Valley Medical Center (CVMC), through the GOP and Hospital Income intends to apply the sum of forty seven (47) million being the Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) to payments under the contract for the Delivery & Supply of Drugs and Medicines. Bids received in excess of the ABC shall be automatically rejected at Bid opening.

The Cagayan Valley Medical Center (CVMC) now invites sealed Bids from eligible Bidders for the Delivery and Supply of Drugs and Medicines. Delivery of the GOODS is required by the second quarter of 2006. The description of an eligible Bidder is contained in Section II of the Bidding Documents, ITB.

Bidding will be conducted through open competitive bidding procedures using non-discretionary pass-fail criteria as specified in the Implementing Rules and Regulations Part A (IRR-A) of Republic Act No 9184 (R A. 9184), otherwise known as the Government Procurement Reform Act, and is restricted to organizations with at least sixty percent (60%) interest or outstanding capital stock belonging to citizens of the Philippines, as specified in Republic Act 5183 (R.A 5183). Only Bids from Bidders who pass the eligibility check will be opened. The process for the eligibility check is described in section II of the Bidding Documents, ITB. The bidder with the lowest calculated bid (LCB) shall advance to the post-qualification stage in order to finally determine his responsiveness to the technical and financial requirements of the project. The contract shall then be awarded to the Lowest Calculated and Responsive Bidder (LCRB) who was determined as such during the post-qualification procedure.

Interested Bidders may obtain further information from Cagayan Valley Medical Center (CVMC) and inspect the Bidding Documents at the address given below from 8:00AM to 5:00PM.

A complete set of Bidding Documents may be purchased by interested Bidders from the address below upon payment of a non-refundable fee in the amount of two thousand pesos (P2,000.00)

The method of payment will be cash. The Bidding Documents shall be received personally by the prospective bidder or his authorized representative.

The Cagayan Valley Medical Center (CVMC) will hold a Pre-Bid Conference open to all interested parties on March 16, 2006, 9:00AM at the Cagayan Valley Medical Center (CVMC) Conference Hall.

Bid and eligibility requirements must be delivered to the address below at or before March 28, 2006, 9:00 AM. All Bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security. Late Bids shall not be accepted.

Bid opening shall be on March 28, 2006, 9:00 AM at the CVMC Conference Hall. Bids will be opened in the presence of the Bidders' representatives who choose to attend at the address below

Issuance of Bid Documents will be from March 20 to 24, 2006.

The Cagayan Valley Medical Center (CVMC) reserves the right to accept or reject any Bid, and to annul the bidding process and reject all bids at any time prior to contract award, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected Bidder or Bidders.

Cagayan Valley Medical Center (CVMC)
EMMANUEL F. ACLUBA, MD, MHA, Chief of Hospital
Carig Cur, Tuguegarao City
(078) 844-0033, 1810, 1410 • (078) 844-3789, 846-7269

(Sgd.) JOSE DANTE V. MARCOS, MD, FPOGS
BAC, Chairman

(PDI- March 5 & 10, 2006)

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BIDS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE
Room 508, 5th Floor Mabini Bldg., DepED Complex
Meralco Avenue, Pasig City

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Invitation for Bids

ICB No.: TEEP-03-05-READERS
IFB No.: TEEP-READERS-03-05

1. The Republic of the Philippines has received a loan from the World Bank, toward the cost of the Textbooks and Instructional Materials Category under the Third Elementary Education Project (TEEP), and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of this loan to eligible payments under the contract for procurement of Readers for Beginners in English and Filipino for Grade 1.
2. The Department of Education (DepED) now invites sealed bids from eligible Bidders for the **printing and delivery** of the following Readers for Beginners to DepED Central Office and Division Offices under TEEP

Lot No.	Item No.	Subject	Total (in copies)
		English	
1	1	Happy Home	425,207
	2	A Day on the Farm	425,207
	3	You and Me	425,207
		Filipino	
	4	Masaya Tayo	425,207
	5	Masayang Bakasyon	425,207
	6	Masaya Kung Sama-Sama	425,207
		Grand Total	2,551,242

Estimated Printing and Delivery Completion Period. 60 calendar days. Indicative printing and delivery dates: May to June 2006

3. A margin of preference shall be granted to Readers for Beginners manufactured in Purchaser's country for purposes of bid price comparison only. All the items shall be bid out and awarded as one lot.
4. Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from DepED and inspect the Bidding Documents at DepED Procurement Service, BAC Secretariat, Room 508, 5th Floor., Mabini Bldg., DepED Complex, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City, Metro Manila, Philippines, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. starting **February 27, 2006** Information is also available at http://www.deped.gov.ph or call DepED – PS at Telephone No 636-65-43 or Fax No. 636-65-42
5. A complete set of Bidding Documents in English may be purchased by interested eligible Bidders upon submission of a written application to the address given above and payment of a nonrefundable fee in the amount of Php 4,000.00 or US$72.00 The method of payment will be cash, cashier's check, manager's check, or certified check. The Bidding Documents may be sent by mail. No liability will be accepted for loss or late delivery
6. A pre-bid conference shall be conducted on **March 15, 2006** at 10:00 a.m. at Bulwagan ng Karunungan, Rizal I Bldg., DepED Complex, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City, Metro Manila, Philippines
7. Bids must be delivered to the address stated in paragraph 6 not later than 10:00 a.m. on **April 11, 2006** the date and time of the bid opening. A bid security shall be required equivalent to not less than 2.5% of the bid price, in Philippine peso or in any freely convertible currency of eligible countries. Late bids shall be rejected. Bids will be opened in the presence of the Bidders' representatives who choose to attend at the address, date and time indicated in the Bidding Documents

(Sgd.) ATTY. MACUR D. MAROHOMBSAR
BAC Vice Chairperson

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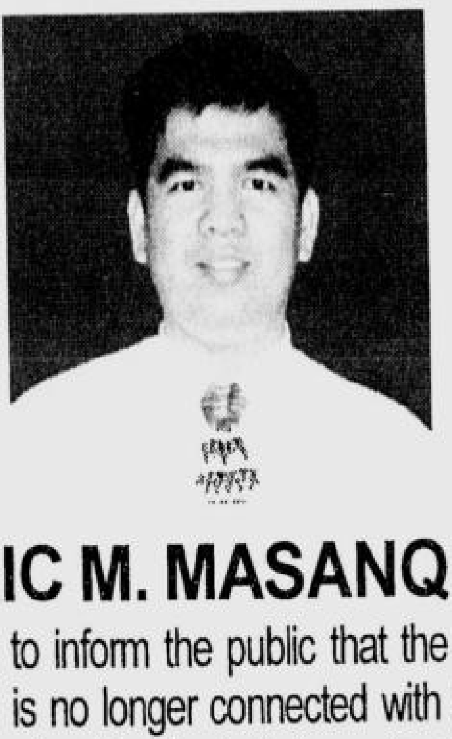

ERIC M. MASANQUE

This is to inform the public that the above person is no longer connected with **(FMEI) Fernando Medical Enterprises, Inc.** effective **Dec. 15, 2005.**

Any transaction made or entered into after said date shall not be binding or honored by FMEI.

PFF approves seven new provincial members

ROMUALDEZ

THE PHILIPPINE FOOTBALL FEDERATION (PFF) approved the membership of seven provincial football associations (PFA's) and four probationary associations during the recent 3rd PFF Ordinary Congress at the Iloilo Grand Hotel in Iloilo City.

The new regular members of the PFF are the football associations of Bukidnon, Legazpi City-Albay, Maguindanao-Cotabato City, Misamis-Ozamiz, Naga City-Camarines Sur, Oriental Mindoro and South Cotabato. The four probationary members are Compostela Valley, Davao del Norte, North Cotabato and Sultan Kudarat.

In his annual report to congress participants, composed of PFA presidents and general secretaries, PFF president Johnny Romualdez said that Philippine football teams competed in more international tournaments and with better results despite being more selective about the events. He noted that the RP men's squad beat teams it had never beaten before (or at least in decades) and that the women's team, besides placing a credible 4th in the recent SEA Games, even beat higher-ranked countries like Malaysia, Singapore and Hong Kong.

Romualdez also reported that the PFF conducted more local competitions in national, regional and provincial levels for various age brackets. There were more referees and coaching courses, and more delegates were sent to attend international courses.

He added that there have been more local football coverage in national and local dailies than in the past two years.

Benitez ready to shed light on scandal

By Jasmine W. Payo

ONE OF THE CENTRAL FIGURES IN THE DE La Salle eligibility scandal is expected to shed light on the case within the next two weeks.

Mark Benitez, one of two Archers who submitted spurious documents to gain eligibility in college, will soon face the UAAP fact-finding committee as soon as he returns to Manila after playing in a minor league in Cagayan de Oro City.

Sources said the five-man panel already interviewed Benitez's parents, who maintained their son's innocence.

Last October, La Salle revealed Benitez and Tim Gatchalian III submitted false high school records.

The university tagged Archers assistant team manager Manny Salgado and contractual statistician Raul Lacson as the team officials who helped secure the players' fake documents.

Sources said the two officials again denied the accusations in a recent interrogation with the fact-finding committee.

Also summoned recently were La Salle executive vice president Dr. Carmelita Quebengco and sports development head Bro. Bobby Casingal.

The UAAP is expected to submit its complete findings on March 15.

Last January, La Salle filed a one year leave of absence from the men's basketball tournament only. However, the UAAP board turned down the school's request, noting that basketball is of two compulsory sports in the league.

Suspension from the league is among the possible sanctions La Salle could face. In 1994, Adamson was suspended for a year for fielding Marlou Aquino despite academic deficiencies.

Benitez and Gatchalian were part of the Archers' 2004 championship run. Benitez still figured in La Salle's runner-up finish in the 2005 season, while Gatchalian got cut from the team last year.

Both cagers submitted fake certificates of their Philippine Educational Placement Test, a government exam taken in lieu of a high school diploma.

Pizza Hut
TEAM PARAÑAQUE
Burlington
YOUNG players (12 and under) strut their wares in last year's edition of the Junior PBA.

Jr PBA league gets support

THE JUNIOR PHILIPPINE BASKETBALL ASSOciation League will mark its third season this summer under the sponsorship of Burlington.

Ruddy Tan, general manager of Burlington Industries Philippines (BIP) Inc, said the sponsorship is in line with the company's thrust of promoting youth and sports development.

"We are proud to be the PBA's partner in discovering the new Villanuevas, Raymundos, Ritualos, Yaps and Alapags," said Tan who was the team manager of the victorious Burlington-RP Youth quintet that won the 2004 Seaba Junior basketball championship held in Lucena, Quezon.

Burlington's tie-up with Asia's first ever professional cage league is now on its 20th year having started in 1986 when the socks trend-setter agreed to be the sponsor of Norman Black's basketball clinic-on air, a segment of the tv coverage.

Later the PBA named Burlington as the league's official socks while Black became an image model-endorser of the No. 1 brand.

WNC battles NU in nat'l students tilt

LEGAZPI CITY—WEST NEGROS COLLEGE AND ANGELES UNIversity Foundation try to stretch their unbeaten run in the semifinals Friday and forge a showdown for the 60th National Students basketball championship at the Albay Astrodome here.

The WNC Mustangs take on the National University Bulldogs while the AUF Great Danes tackle the defending University of Perpetual Help-Rizal Altas with the winners advancing to the finals.

The Mustangs and the Great Danes made it to the semis via similar six-game sweeps of their respective divisions while the Altas and the Bulldogs advanced with 5-1 win-loss cards.

AUF, which scraped past NU, 78-73, in Day 2 of the tournament organized by the Basketball Association of the Philippines, completed the sweep after disposing of Eastern Visayas State University, 101-76, while WNC, a 68-62 upset winner over Perpetual earlier, trounced University of Luzon, 92-50.

The Bulldogs bundled out Our Lady of Lourdes College Foundation Hawks, 112-74, to cap their elimination campaign while the Altas outgunned the University of San Carlos Warriors, 83-60.

The tournament is being held in cooperation with the provincial government of Albay headed by Gov. Fernando Gonzalez, the city government of Legazpi led by Mayor Noel Rosal.

Also lending support in the event sponsored by Burlington Socks, Air21 Express, Summit Mineral Water, Healthy Options and ML Kuarta Padala are BAP provincial director Dr. Abundio Palencia and regional director Julian Lavadia.

Over in Daet, Camarines Norte, defending champion Philippine Christian University Baby Dolphins and 2004 third placer St. Clare College downed separate foes handily to barge into the semifinal round of the secondary championship at the Agro Multi-Purpose Recreational Center.

On PSC; Herman's Hermits a must-not avoid

SPECTATOR

Al S. Mendoza

I CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHAT'S HAPPENING.

Look, our NSAs have been repeatedly asked, reminded, to liquidate their financial advances and yet, they seem to continually ignore the call.

It's the task of the Philippine Sports Commission to enforce the law but, seemingly, not everybody pays heed.

What have we got here, anarchy? Disobedience to authority, disrespect to the rule of law?

I can understand why Richie Garcia, the pony-tailed PSC commissioner, is fed up—not to mention PSC chair Butch Ramirez getting pissed off himself.

Many of our NSAs are proving to be stubborn, if not downright difficult to deal with.

Here's the system on money allocations to our NSAs.

The PSC gives money to NSAs for athletes' training, participation abroad and the like. Usually, the money is allotted to the yearly budget of every NSA. Actually, the PSC doesn't interfere with the NSA's manner of disbursing its funds. What the PSC only requires of the NSAs is to submit proof of expenses. SOP, *di ba*?

You are given money—government money, that is—you need to account for it. Simple as A-B-C.

You spend government money—people's money, that is—you need to produce receipts to support your expenses. Simple as 1-2-3.

You don't do such things, you could be liable for audit, if not downright investigation.

Now comes the Solicitor General acting as enforcer of the rule on liquidation.

From hereon, if the PSC announcement is to be believed, not only will the Solicitor General go after erring NSAs that have not liquidated their expenses. He will also act now as the approving authority on the NSAs' request for funds.

I like that. It now takes the form of knocking some sense into the coconuts of our NSAs.

But what about the NSAs that have made advances for expenses of their athletes? Have they been getting their refunds on time?

Last time I checked, there were millions still collectible by certain NSAs from the PSC.

Let's preach what we teach, please?

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The "British Invasion" continues with the Herman's Hermits, one of the hottest bands in the Sixties, set to perform at the Araneta Coliseum on March 17. They are coming on the heels of the smashingly successful Zombies concert some two weeks back at the Big Dome.

I saw the Zombies. But of course. So were my fellow Sixties kids like Ramon & May Uy, Marvin & Pia Velayo, Ed & Minyang Pamintuan, Danny & Joy Isla, Joe & Pat Cajili, Sol Juvida and Purefoods' governor to the PBA board, Rene Pardo.

It was a crime had you missed the Zombies —and all those that came before them like the Searchers, Chad & Jeremy, Beach Boys, Peter & Gordon and the Cascades. Oh, well, I also watched Andy Williams, of course.

Again, I wouldn't miss for the life of me the Herman's Hermits, who sold 50 million records with 20 hit singles, including "There's a Kind of Hush," "No Milk Today," "She's a Must to Avoid," "Mrs. Brown You've Got a Lovely Daughter," "Listen People," "Henry The Eighth I Am," "Can't You Hear My Heartbeat," "I'm Into Something Good" and many others.

The Herman's Hermits, led by Peter (Herman) Noone on the vocals, came here in 1966 to perform in Davao, Cebu and Bacolod but never in Manila. This time, though, after their Araneta stint on March 17, they'll play the following night at the Manila Hotel.

The Herman's Hermits, who still do concerts all over the world, hit the summit in 1965 when they drew 600,000 advance orders for their song, "Mrs. Brown You've Got a Lovely Daughter." The song was No. 12 in the 1965 US Top 100 charts, the highest any single has broken into the hit parade in seven years. It topped the US charts for three weeks and earned a gold disc for Herman's Hermits.

The queer thing about it was, the song was recorded in only 10 minutes at the end of an album session.

Such talent, indeed, these Hermits.

I used to sing that song with my high school band—with me also doing the lead guitar (ahem!). But that's another story.

There's no PBA game on March 17 so, see you at the Big Dome on that day?

Heard that Pareng Rene (Pardo), the lead vocals of his Sixties band, has bought tickets to the show already.

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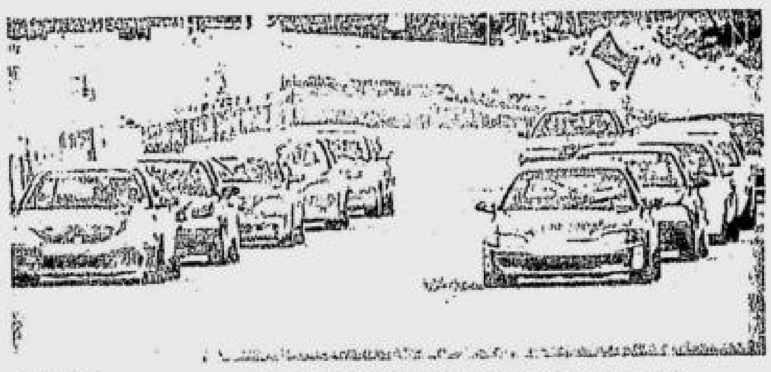
Comments to menju@pldtdsl.net


OVER 45 cars are expected in today's PTCC championship round.

Touring cars gear up

SUBIC—TOP DRIVERS GEAR UP for an action-packed final showdown for the titles at stake today in the championship round of the Philippine Touring Car Championship 2005 at the Subic International Raceway.

Toting a total of 232 points, San Miguel-Erg Alcotonic top gun Jody Coseteng only needed to finish the race to capture the title in this event sanctioned by the Automobile Association of the Philippines.

Coseteng has to deal with Kookie and Louis Ramirez of Petron Ultron-SRA and Philip Alvendia of A3 Motorsports/ Malayan Automasters Touring Car Team.

Kookie Ramirez is Coseteng's closest rival for the crown with 183 points while Louis Ramirez and Alvendia are third and fourth overall with 125 and 108 points.

new balance
POWER RACE: The 2006 New Balance Power Race will be held at the Fort Bonifacio Global City on May 28. Signing the memorandum of agreement are (seated from left) race organizer Rudy Biscocho, Planet Sports Inc. deputy GM Ronnie Colmenar and New Balance brand manager Bing Buenaventura and (standing from left) New Balance brand coordinator Dino Gilladoga, Planet Sports Inc. marketing services supervisor Mary Anne Oriondo, Planet Sports Inc. marketing services manager Hannah Hingco and New Balance junior merchandiser Leah Macalincag.

Women in Sports launched March 8

GENDER EQUALITY IN LOCAL sports will be the main focus of the Women in Sports 2006 program that will be launched on March 8 at the Ninoy Aquino Stadium.

Dugout concerns, political correctness and even pregnancy and motherhood are among the topics to be discussed in the series of talks that will feature top women in RP sports like 23rd Southeast Asian Games double gold winner Amaya Paz, Paralympics bronze medalist Adeline Dumapong and Olympian Akiko Thomson.

The Philippine Sports Commission has some 500 women athletes in its roster and has been actively pursuing gender equality for years. It used to have in its board female commissioners like Olympians Weena Lim, Tisha Abundo and Josefina Bauzon.

Former First Lady and Philippine Badminton Association chief Ming Ramos and former Philippine Olympic Committee head Celso Dayrit will lead the panel discussion. For details call 525-2064.

Marc Anthony Reyes

SPORTSWATCH

Badminton regional circuit set

THE JVC BADMINTON REGIONAL CIRCUIT KICKS OFF ITS SECOND STAGING IN Cebu on April 3-7 at the Holiday Spa. A huge field is expected to vie for top honors in the elite division, the junior category (16-under) and the intercollegiate team invitational. The organizing IMG said registration is open with the fees pegged at P100 for single entry event and P150 for those playing in two or three events. Check website at www.jvcbadminton.com or e-mail at jvcbadminton@hotmail.com or call 0917-8050702 (Tonette); 0917-8050601 (Carol); 0917-5288970 (Nelson).

St. Francis active chess begins

THE MCC 1950 BELOW ACTIVE CHESS KICKS OFF AT 10:30 A.M. TODAY AT THE lower second floor of St. Francis Square located behind SM Megamall in Mandaluyong. Supported by Mendoza Arzaga-Mendoza law firm in Alabang, the event offers a total pot of P12,000 with the champion getting the top purse of P4,000. Entry fee is P250. Participants will be given free T-shirst on a first-come-first served basis. Call 826-8560 and 0916-852-1069 or 0922 539-7392.

Key bantam bout in Fistorama

FISTORAMA FEATURES THIS AFTERNOON THE BOUT BETWEEN BANTAMS RIco Genon and Bernabe Concepcion. It is supported by a four rounder between flyweights Kid Vasquez and Jun Veronque. The bouts were part of Edgardo "Boy" Cantada's fight card held recently at the provincial capitol of Misamis Oriental in Cagayan de Oro City. Fistorama is shown over ABS-CBN Global's The Filipino Channel/Pinoy Central TV. Fistorama, backed by Tanduay, PCSO, Hope and Mapecon, is also aired at 3:30 p.m., Sundays on RPN-9. Golf Power Plus featuring College of St. Benilde Team 1 and Team 2 in the 1st Samsung Inter-Collegiate Women's Beach Volleyball Challenge airs at 3 p.m.

Super Big Event slated at SJC

SAN JUAN COLISEUM PRESENTS ANOTHER EXCITING SHOWDOWN OF *sabong* heavyweights on March 8 by way of the Super Big Event 5-cock derby sponsored by Sagupaan Complexor 3000. The event with an entry fee of P55,000 will be hosted by Representatives Butch Pichay, Jing Paras and Nonoy Libanan. Participants are reminded to submit entries on Tuesday from 2-9 p.m. and may contact 7256563 and 7255369. Meanwhile, the Unang Hirit 4-cock derby, SJC's first no entry fee derby, comes next on March 13, 15, 18 and 20.

For Team Philippines 5-cock derby

A COCKFIGHTING FOR A CAUSE, DUBBED AS FOR TEAM PHILIPPINES 5-COCK derby is scheduled at the Araneta Coliseum on March 14 and 16. Former congressman Peping Cojuangco, president of the Philippine Olympic Committee, will host the affair for the benefit of national athletes. Participants must field straight five cocks. A guaranteed prize of P1 million (P500,000 for each day of action) will go to the winners. Entry fee and minimum bet are P15,000 and P5,500, respectively. Reservation of cockhouses is now open. Contact the LGBA office at 926-7808 924-5072 924-5051 loc. 128 Allowed weights is from 1.9-2.4 kg.

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Amit loses grasp of world 9-ball quarterfinal slot

ONE FRAME AWAY FROM A QUARTERfinal slot, Rubilen Amit could only watch as her hopes turned to smoke.

World No. 41 Charlotte Sorensen overhauled a one-frame hole and carved a 7-6 victory that eliminated the 2005 Southeast Asian Games double gold medal winner from the 2006 WPA Amway Women's World 9-Ball championship late Friday at the Taipei Stadium in Taiwan.

Sorensen thus sealed a quarterfinal bout with second seed Jasmin Ouschan of Austria. Amit, who was playing in her first major tournament in the international pool circuit, will now be thrust by her benefactors into other tournaments for further exposure.

"I knew she will benefit from the experience and I think she has what it takes to be a top-caliber player," said billiards patron Aristeo "Putch" Puyat. "We will send her to more international events and she will be better as she gets more exposure."

Already, Amit gave the world a peek of what she can be. Leading by two after eight racks, the pint-sized cue artist held her ground despite a charge from her Danish foe.

She stood on the edge of advancing when she took a 6-5 lead in the race-to-seven affair. The soft-spoken 24-year-old Amit, however, simply could not finish off Sorensen.

"[Despite the loss], she gained experience and will learn from her defeat," said Billiards and Snooker Congress of the Philippines president Ernie Fajardo. "This will serve as her training and exposure for the upcoming Asian Games later this year in Doha."

In other matches, Makiko Tagaki of Japan downed Meng-Meng Zhou of China, 7-6; American Jennifer Barreta trounced compatriot Kelly Fisher, 7-6; Akio Otani of Japan took the scalp of American Tiffany Nelson, 7-4; Yukiko Haminishi of Japan beat American Wendy Jans, 7-5 and local bet Hsiang-Ling Tan nipped compatriot SP Kao, 7-5.

Another local cue artist advanced as Shin-Mei Liu nipped Keoiko Yukawa of Japan, 7-3; while Helena Thornfeldt of Sweden edged American Melissa Herndon, 7-6.

The winner of this $70,000 event brings home $20,000, with the runner-up getting $10,000. The losing semifinalists will receive $5,000 each. *Marlon Bernardino, contributor*

Suns, Mavs fan streaks; AI, Kobe hot

PHILADELPHIA—ALLEN IVERson scored 47 points and dished out 12 assists to lead the Philadelphia 76ers to a 119-113 home victory over the Washington Wizards on Friday.

Iverson reached 40 points and 10 assists for the second consecutive game in helping the Sixers win for the fifth time in six contests since the All-Star break.

The point guard showed solid form throughout the game, going 17-for-29 from the floor and making 11 of his 12 free throws, including his first 10.

Scoring on 56 percent from the floor, Philadelphia were also buoyed by another strong performance from the re-vitalized Chris Webber, who had 30 points, 12 rebounds and eight assists.

"Allen has been playing some great basketball for us and Chris is playing like he did a few seasons ago," Philadelphia coach Maurice Cheeks told reporters after the game.

"We need to keep picking up wins if we're going to be a playoff team."

Philadelphia moved into sixth place in the tight Eastern Conference standings after improving to 30-28 following the win, a half game ahead of the Wizards (29-28), who slipped to seventh.

The Milwaukee Bucks lie a further half game back in the eighth and final playoff spot in the East, 3 ½ games clear of the Chicago Bulls.

In Dallas, Dirk Nowitzki scored 26 points and Jason Terry had 17 as the Mavericks beat the Charlotte Bobcats, 90-76, to extend its club-record home winning streak to 16 games.

Erick Dampier had nine points, 14 rebounds and two blocked shots for the Mavericks, who have won 20 of their last 22.

In Phoenix, Shawn Marion's two alley-oop baskets in the final minute, both on setups from Steve Nash, rallied the Suns past the Orlando Magic, 123-118, for their ninth straight victory.

Marion finished with 24 points and nine rebounds. Tim Thomas scored 20 points, Nash and Boris Diaw each had 18 points and Leandro Barbosa scored 17. Nash also had 13 assists and Diaw 11.

In Oakland, California, Kobe Bryant became the youngest player to score 16,000 career points in the NBA as his 42 helped the Los Angeles Lakers to a 106-94 victory over Golden State.

Bryant reached the 16,000-point plateau late in the first quarter, setting the mark at 27 years, 192 days, four days younger than Hall-of-Famer Wilt Chamberlain in 1964.

In Atlanta, Brad Miller scored 24 points and had 10 rebounds as the Sacramento Kings beat the Hawks, 102-93.

In New York, Kirk Henrich scored 33 points as the Bulls beat the Knicks, 108-101.

In Boston, Paul Pierce scored 31 points as the Celtics beat the Indiana Pacers, 99-98. *Reuters, AP, AFP*

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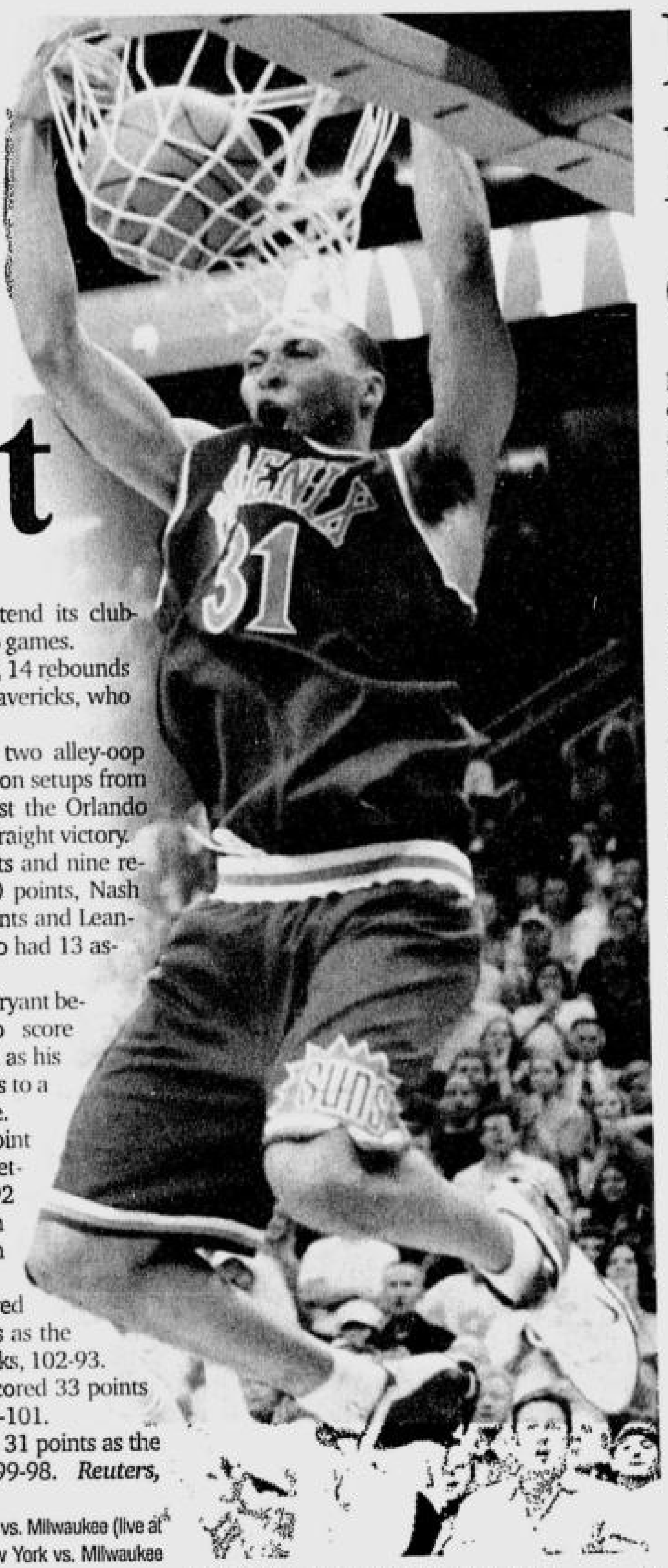


THE SUNS rise with Shawn Marion. AP

Phil, Tiger share lead, rekindle old Ford rivalry

MIAMI—PHIL MICKELSON BIRdied two of his last three holes for a 6-under 66 Friday, earning him share of the lead after two rounds of the Ford Championship at Doral and a Saturday pairing with Tiger Woods.

Woods settled for pars on his final four holes for a 5-under 67, giving him a 13-under 131 along with Mickelson, Scott Verplank and Colombia's Camilo Villegas.

The scores pitted Mickelson and Woods together in the final pairing Saturday, rekindling memories of last year's final round where Woods prevailed over the tense final holes.

"There are guys that are right there that are going to go out and make a lot of birdies, and it will be easy for them. They will have no pressure on them," Mickelson said. "It won't be anything like Sunday last year, where we're watching what each other is doing and trying to beat each other."

Nine players are within three shots of the lead.

Verplank, who shot 65, nearly holed a chip with his 5-wood from behind the 18th green that would have given him the outright lead, prompting a television reporter to suggest that he was imposing on the headline attractions Woods and Mickelson.

"Why do you say that?" Verplank said, knowing full well what he meant.

"I lost in a playoff a couple of years ago," Verplank said, toying with the reporter. "I know my way around this course pretty good. I beg to differ. We'll see what happens."

Villegas, the big-hitting rookie in pink pants, nearly made eagle on the par-5 eighth and joined the leaders with an 18-foot birdie putt on his final hole for a 66.

Two former PGA champions—Davis Toms (66) and Rich Beem (67)—were one shot behind, along with Mark Wilson (67). The group at 10-under 134 included Dean Wilson, Lucas Glover and Chad Campbell, who chipped in from 40 yards on the 17th.

Regardless, the spotlight will shine on two of the biggest names in golf, especially after last year, when Woods rallied from two shots behind, Mickelson made birdies to regain a share of the lead, and Woods won with a 30-foot birdie putt on the 17th hole. *AP*

IM Gonzales keeps chess lead in sight

FILIPINO INTERNATIONAL MASter Jayson Gonzales (2452) defeated IM Jordan Ivanov (2348) of Bulgaria to share 2nd to ninth places in the eight and penultimate round IX Open International Malaga de Ajedrez, Friday night in Malaga, Spain.

Gonzales, an enlisted personnel of Philippine Army, now has 6.0 points, the same output of final round foe IM Ismael Teran Alvarez (2446) of Spain, who settled for a draw with compatriot IM Ibragim Khamrakulov (2499).

Meanwhile, Grandmaster Nelson Mariano II (2474) halved the point with IM Carlos Garcia Fernandez (2359) of Spain to score 5.0 points and share 15th to 27th placers. Mariano faces IM Ivanov in the last round.

Overnight solo leader Swedish GM Slavko Cicak (2500) halved the point with German GM Arkadij Rotstein (2520) to remain on top with 7.0 points in eight outings.

In Villeneuve, Tolosane, France, Paris-based Filipino International Master Joseph Sanchez (ELO 2435) was stuck at 4.5 points after losing his eighth-round match to Marc Grill (2146) of France in the "1er Open International D'Echecs De L'ouest Toulousain" late Friday.

Sanchez dropped to a tie for 36th to 62nd placers. *Marlon Bernardino, contributor*

INDONESIAN OPEN

Hot Buckle, Dyson lead; Que fades

JAKARTA, INDONESIA—ANDREW BUCKLE of Australia shot a seven-under 65 and tied Simon Dyson for the lead in the $1 million Enjoy Jakarta HSBC Indonesia Open Saturday.

Dyson fired a 67 at the Emeralda Golf Club as the two shared the lead at 15 under, three strokes up on their closest pursuers.

Angelo Que, the lone Filipino bet left in the field after Frankie Miñoza missed the cut, shot a 74 that left him at 2 under in a tie for 52nd to 55th places.

Miñoza had a 76 in the rain-hit second round and failed to qualify. He was two shots off the cut mark pegged at 1 under.

Halfway leader Stephen Dodd negated a second-round 63 with a two-over 74 and dropped to 10-under, five strokes off the lead.

He was tied with Thailand sensation Thongchai Jaidee, who only managed par, and two other players.

Taiwanese Wang Ter-chang fired a 70 and stayed at 12 under to trail the leaders by three going into the final round Sunday.

Buckle opened his round with three straight birdies and never had a bogey in his seven-under card as he jumped from fifth place to a share of the lead.

In contrast, Dodd struggled in his round, tripping over three bogeys against a lone birdie in the front nine to relinquish his hold of the lead.

Que was at 4 under after two rounds but also had a tough time in the third. After opening his round with a birdie, he failed to get anything going.

He had four bogeys after the first hole and did not have a birdie until the par-4 17th.

CAGE CHAMPS: Ateneo outclassed rival La Salle Greenhills, 68-59, to win the 2005-2006 Mini Paya basketball crown and complete a grand slam this year. The Blue Eagles also topped the Paya Midgets and Mini PSBL basketball tournaments.

Federer, Nadal set huge showdown

DUBAI, UNITED ARAB EMIRATES—Top-ranked Roger Federer will play No. 2 Rafael Nadal in the Dubai Open final on Saturday, one day after both had straight-set semifinal wins.

Federer, aiming for his third straight title and 16-0 this year after winning the Doha and Australian Opens, beat Mikhail Youzhny of Russia, 6-2, 6-3.

Nadal, playing only his second tournament since winning the Masters Series Madrid in October, won, 6-4, 6-2, over Germany's Rainer Schuettler.

Nadal leads, 2-1, head-to-head against Federer, and won in their last meeting at the 2005 French Open semifinals en route to his only Grand Slam title.

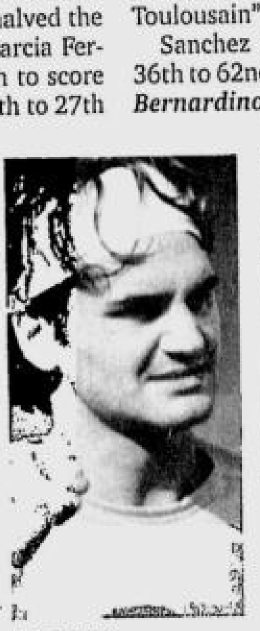
"Tomorrow is going to be a very special match," Nadal said. "I am very happy to make it to the finals in only my second tournament after four months. Federer is a finals specialist, but I have won my last 10 finals, too."

Federer had problems with his serve throughout the first set against Youzhny. He saved three break points at 0-40 in his opening two service games, was 0-30 down in the fifth, and had to save another breakpoint in the seventh game.

"He had several chances in the first set and he could have put pressure on me by taking them," said Federer, who broke Youzhny in the second game. "It was windy out there and I was missing a lot of first serves.

"But as long as I play the point well, I really don't mind. I just asked myself to concentrate and picked up my game in the second set."

Youzhny defied Federer in the second game of the second set for 14 minutes before being broken on a double fault.



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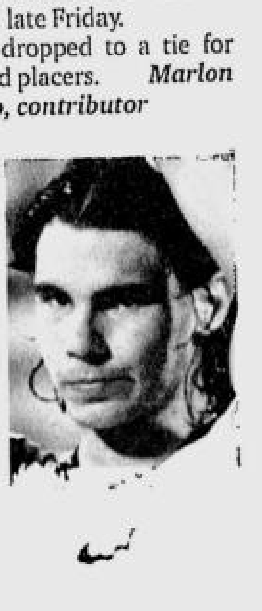

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World Classic: South Korea reduces China to dust

TOKYO—LEE SEUNG-YEOP HIT A TWO-run home run in the third inning and a solo homer in the eighth Saturday to lead South Korea to a 10-1 win over China in the inaugural World Baseball Classic.

Lee connected off China starter Chen Kun in the third to give South Korea a 4-0 lead at Tokyo Dome. He also drove in the first run of the game with a sacrifice fly to right field.

"We just try to do our best each time," said South Korea manager Kim In sik. "We try to give our opponents a lot to think about and I think we did that today."

Lee gave South Korea a 6-0 lead in the bottom of the sixth with a single up the middle that scored the runner from second. He hit a towering blast into the right field seats in the eighth for his fifth RBI of the game.

South Korean starter Son Min-han picked up the win after giving up one hit and striking out three over four scoreless innings.

China got on the scoreboard with a solo homer from outfielder Yang Shuo in the top of the eighth.

South Korea improved to 2-0, virtually assuring itself a place in the next round. China dropped to 0-2.

Lee, who holds the Asian record of 56 homers in a season, signed with the Yomiuri Giants after spending two seasons with the Chiba Lotte Marines of Japan's Pacific League.

The Giants play their home games at Tokyo Dome and are expecting big things from Lee this season.

"I've been training hard for the start of the season," said Lee. "I wanted to show a lot of ability in a short time. I like the feel of Tokyo Dome."

All Group A games are being played in Japan. The top two teams advance to the second round to play the top two teams from Group B, which includes teams from the United States, Canada, Mexico and South Africa. *AP*

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GOING STRONG: Tucker and Yamin

STRUGGLING FAVES: Young and McPhee

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GOODBYE: Penala and Bradford

Fil-Am voted out of 'Idol'

"IF I DON'T MAKE IT, I'LL JUST MOVE ON forward somewhere."

Thus spoke Fil-Am Jose "Sway" Penala at the start of the final round of this year's "American Idol."

On Thursday (Friday in Manila), audiences voting online and by text messaging gave Sway the boot. The 28-year-old singer from South San Francisco was eliminated along with three others—David Radford, Heather Cox and Brenna Gethers.

Only eight females and eight males remain in the top-rated talent search on television. The elimination round started last week with 24 performers.

Sway was one of the early favorites among the top 24 contestants. He initially wowed judges Randy Jackson, Paula Abdul and Simon Cowell with his rendition of "Superstar" in his first audition in San Francisco.

On Thursday, he sang "Overjoyed" by Stevie Wonder and the result wasn't the least joyful. "It wasn't unbelievable [for me] tonight, said Jackson. Abdul thought Sway was "disconnected." Cowell found "absolutely zero originality."

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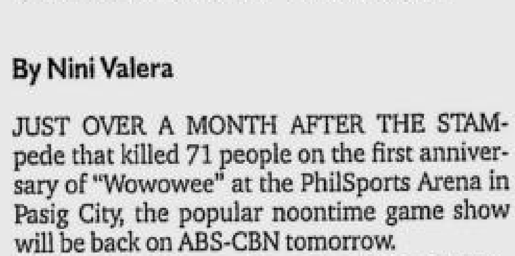

WILLIE Revillame says he's back because of public clamor. EDWIN BACASMAS

'Wowowee' back with new rules

By Nini Valera

JUST OVER A MONTH AFTER THE STAMPEDE that killed 71 people on the first anniversary of "Wowowee" at the PhilSports Arena in Pasig City, the popular noontime game show will be back on ABS-CBN tomorrow.

Willie Revillame, who will still be the program host, told INQUIRER Entertainment on Friday that he had a tough time deciding whether or not to return to the show.

"I actually quit already," Willie said, speaking in Filipino. "But in the days following the stampede up until recently, I received text messages and phone calls from Ma'am Charo (Santos-Concio, executive vice president of ABS-CBN) urging me not to be hasty [in my moves]. She counseled me daily through text messages. I decided to take on the job again only yesterday (Thursday)."

His grief over the death of the people who just wanted to watch the show live at the Ultra has not subsided, according to Willie. "It will never go away. This will remain with me always."

He added that public clamor for the return of "Wowowee," which he describes as a show for the Filipino people, erased his doubts about the show's purpose. "I read hundreds of e-mails and thousands of text messages urging us to return. No, the show does not encourage mendicancy and dependency."

Network research head Vivian Tin said 68

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Cineplex exec is new head of anti-piracy body

Ric Camaligan of the Nat'l Cinema Association is batting for the original allocation of MMFF funds

By Bayani San Diego Jr.

A CINEPLEX EXECUTIVE IS the new head of the Motion Picture Anti-Film Piracy Council Inc.

The council elected a new set of officials on Feb. 28, as discussed in a meeting with President Macapagal-Arroyo in Malacañang a week earlier.

The voting was described as "successful" by the organization's former vice chair Ric Camaligan, who was unanimously elected by 11 board members as the new president.

Camaligan is president of the National Cinema Association of the Philippines.

Former chair Espiridion Laxa declined to run in the annual election.

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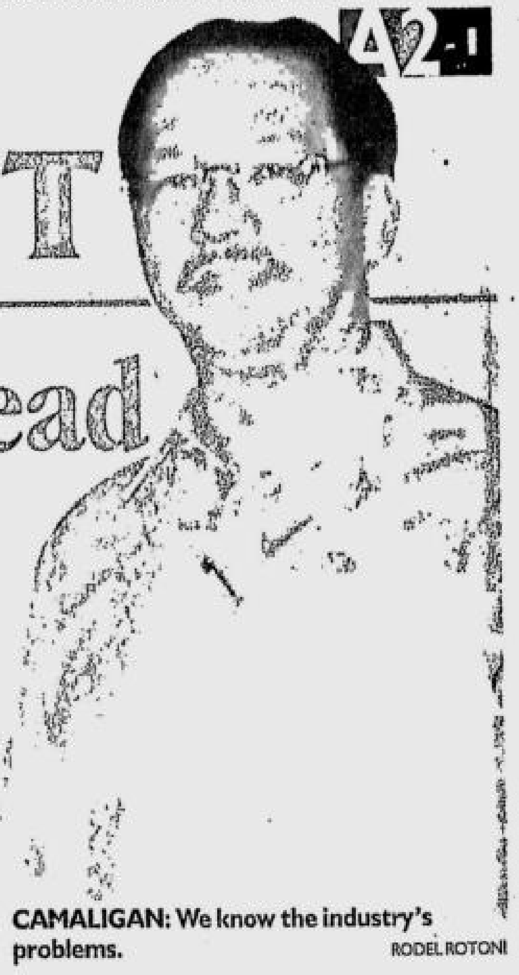

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HOLLYWOOD NEWSmakers

JAL
Actress and presentor Jessica Alba arrives for the 63rd Annual Golden Globe Awards on Monday, Jan. 16, 2006, in Beverly Hills, Calif.

AJ
Angelina Jolie attends the 11th Annual Premiere Women in Hollywood Luncheon at the Four Seasons Hotel in this September 14, 2004 file photo in Beverly Hills, California.

Actor Brad Pitt talks to the media at the red carpet promoting his film 'Mr. and Mrs. Smith' in this file photo from June 6, 2005, in Mexico City.

JAN
Actress Jennifer Aniston is photographed at the Ritz Carlton Hotel in New York on November 8, 2005.

CF
Colin Farrell star of the film "Alexander" arrives to the premiere of the film in the Hollywood section of Los Angeles, in this Nov. 16, 2004, file photo.

PC
Spanish actress Penelope Cruz arrives for the 63rd Annual Golden Globe Awards on Monday, Jan. 16, 2006, in Beverly Hills, Calif.

KH
Actress Katie Holmes arrives at a film premiere on June 6, 2005, in the Hollywood section of Los Angeles.

South African actress Charlize Theron arrives at the British Academy of Film and Television Arts (BAFTA) awards in London Sunday Feb. 19, 2006. (AP)

PH
Paris Hilton is seen in this photo in New York. Hilton faces court hearings in January 2006, in a slander and libel lawsuit filed in July and in a more recent case alleging harassment. (AP)

HL
Australian actor Heath Ledger poses during a photocall for his film "Candy" at the 56th Film Festival Berlinale in Berlin, Germany, Wednesday, Feb. 15, 2006.

JG
American actor Jake Gyllenhaal arrives at the British Academy of Film and Television Arts, BAFTA, awards ceremony in London Sunday Feb. 19, 2006.

RW
Reese Witherspoon poses with the award she won for best actress in a musical or comedy for her work in "Walk the Line," at the 63rd Annual Golden Globe Awards on Monday, Jan. 16, 2006, in Beverly Hills, Calif.

GC
Actor George Clooney holds his award at the Santa Barbara International Film Festival, Friday, Feb. 3, 2006, in Santa Barbara, Calif.

SJ
Scarlett Johansson, nominated for best supporting actress for her work in "Match Point," arrives for the 63rd Annual Golden Globe Awards on Monday, Jan. 16, 2006, in Beverly Hills, Calif.

Chinese actress Ziyi Zhang who accepted the award for music for the film 'Memoirs of a Geisha' at the British Academy of Film and Television Arts (BAFTA) awards in London Sunday Feb. 19, 2006.

Eric Bana arrives for the NBC Universal/Focus Features after-party following the 63rd Annual Golden Globe Awards on Monday, Jan. 16, 2006, in Beverly Hills, Calif.

In this undated photo provided by Warner Bros. Pictures, Johnny Depp stars as Willy Wonka in the new movie "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory."

This photo provided by Focus Features, shows actors Heath Ledger, left, and Jake Gyllenhaal, who play two cowboys from very different backgrounds who meet and fall in love, in a scene from "Brokeback Mountain."

This undated photo released by Twentieth Century Fox shows actors Joaquin Phoenix, left, as Johnny Cash and Reese Witherspoon as June Carter in a scene from "Walk The Line."

MG
This undated photo provided by Columbia Pictures shows actors Ken Watanabe, left, and Ziyi Zhang in a scene from "Memoirs of a Geisha."

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Fil-Am voted out of 'Idol'

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Gethers, 25, received the lowest number of votes for the female contestants for her sassy rendition of "Last Dance," fulfilling jaundiced judge Simon Cowell's prediction that Thursday would be her "last chance."

"Get ready for my album," said the departing New Yorker.

Visiting champ

Cowell also predicted correctly that North Carolina native Cox, 22, would get the boot for her lackluster performance of Mariah Carey's "Hero," which he deemed "ghastly."

Radford, a 17-year-old from Crystal Lake, Illinois, sand "The Way You Look Tonight." Jackson was "bored." Teary-eyed contestants surround Radford as he gave his traditional farewell performance.

Besides the goodbyes, the elimination show featured a visit by last season's winner Carrie Underwood, who performed her hit country song, "Jesus, Take the Wheel."

"American Idol" has continued to rule in the ratings, attracting about 30 million viewers per telecast this season. Host Ryan Seacrest said on Thursday's telecast that the show received more than 42 million votes from viewers.

Men and women have been competing separately since the show returned Jan. 17. That separation ends March 14 with the final 12 singers.

The show, now running three times a week, will return to a twice-weekly schedule for the elimination of the final dozen. The finale is slated for May 24.

Wrong song

All four eliminated were scolded for wrong song choices. But even the strongest contestants were pronounced guilty of this.

The normally fantastic Katharine McPhee sang "All In Love Is Fair" and all three judges agreed it was not her best performance. "By a mile," Cowell qualified.

Even Lisa Tucker who was phenomenal during the first week seems to have missed the spot, singing "When I Had You." Cowell cautioned her about coming across as a young girl singing old songs.

Silver-haired Taylor Hicks didn't impress the judges much, either, with "Easy Like Sunday Morning" by The

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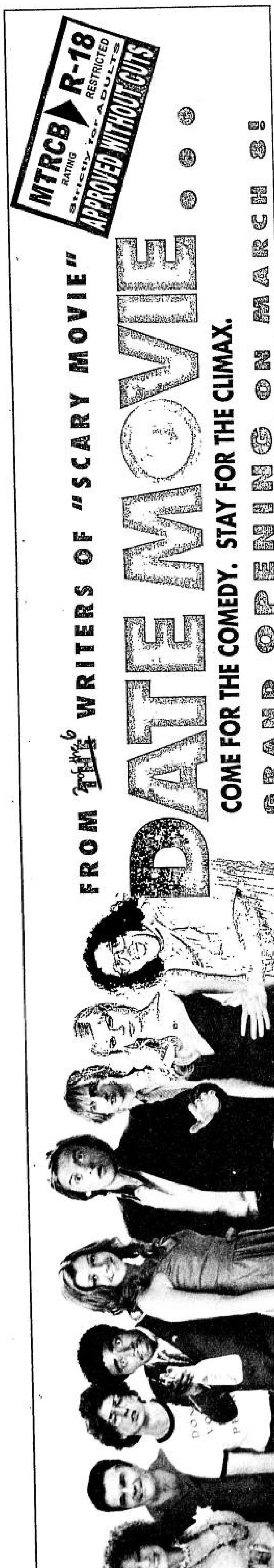
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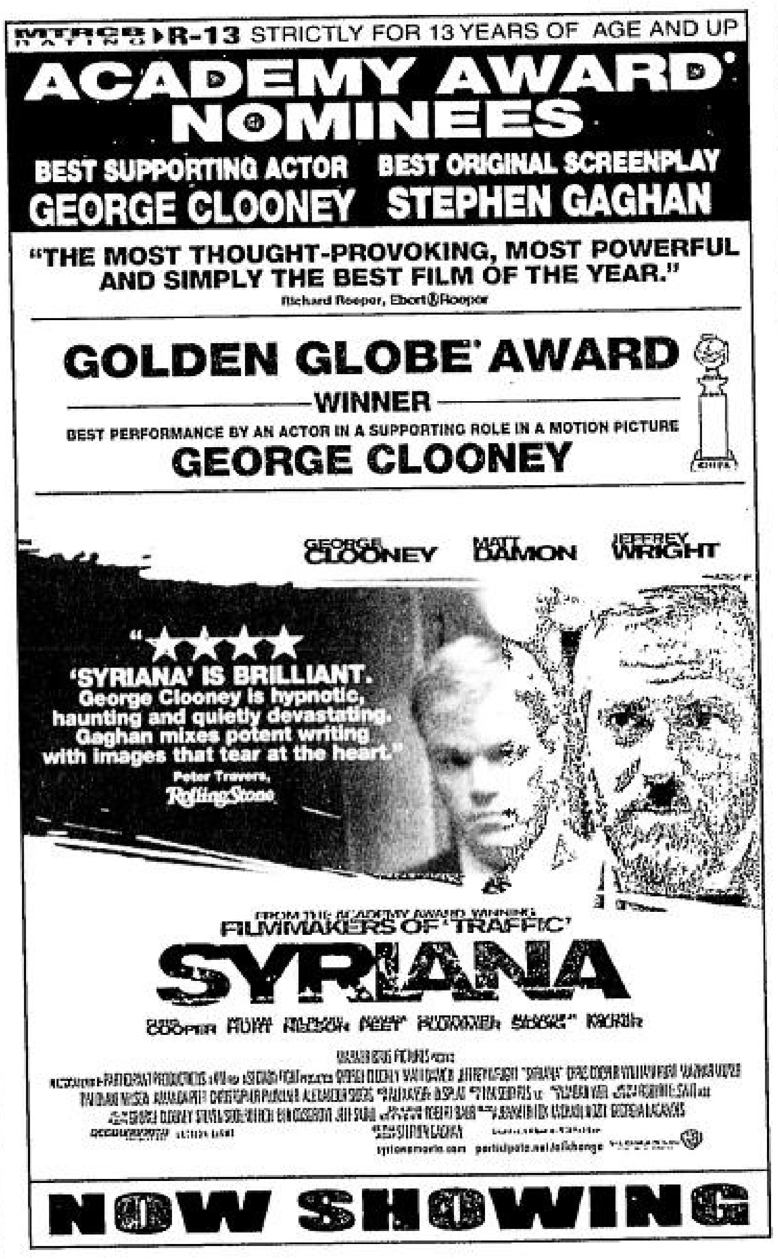
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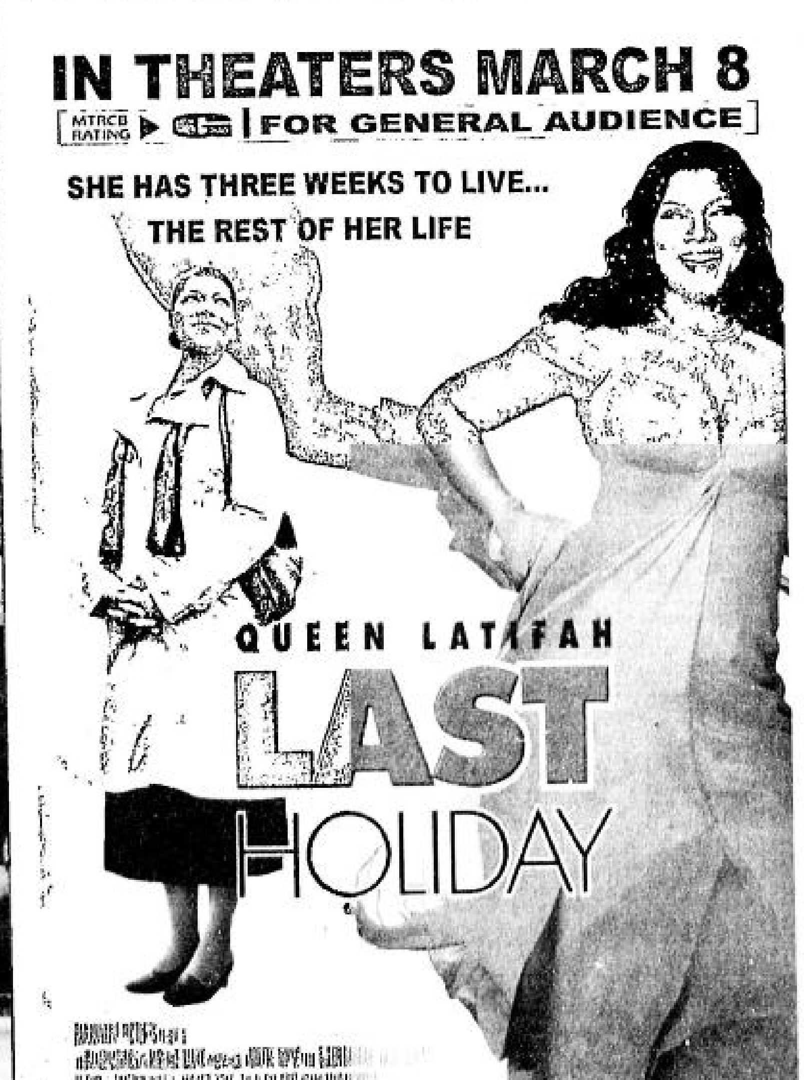
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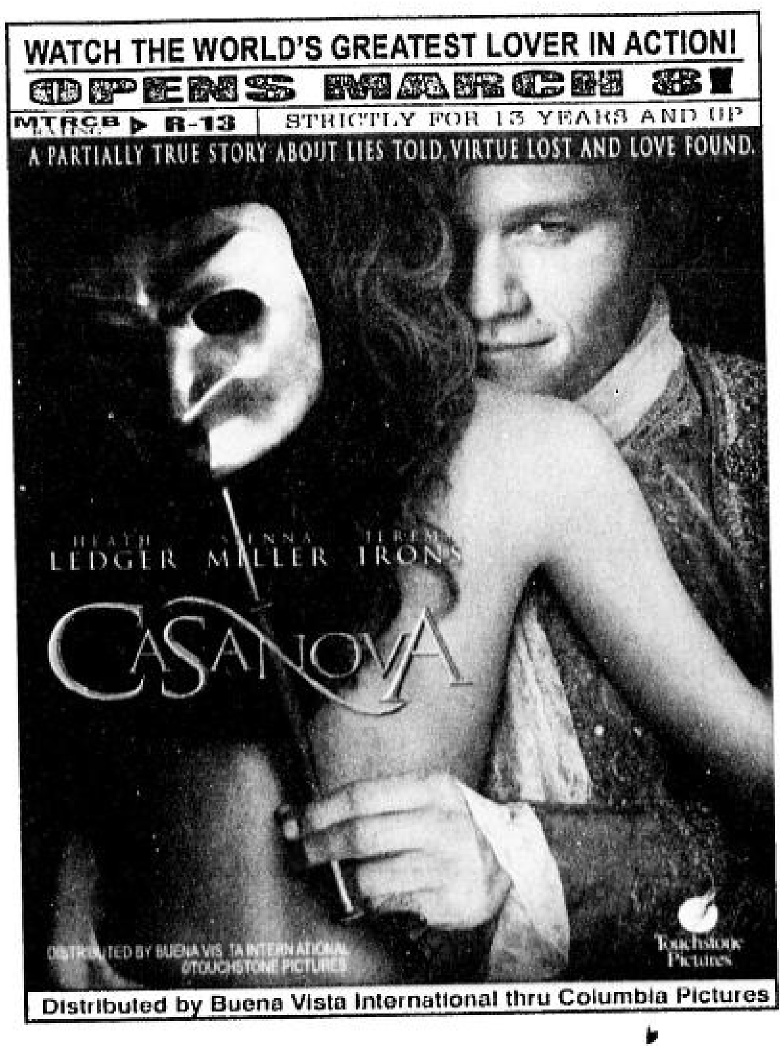
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usually held earlier in February.

The other new officers are Leonardo Monteverde, chair; Manny Nuqui, vice chair; Wilson Tieng, vice president for external and business affairs; Dominic Du, vice president for internal and administrative affairs; William Lao, vice president for operations; Orlando Ilacad, treasurer; and Robbie Tan, Ng Meng Tam, Robert Yang and Rolando Dueñas, board members.

Beneficiary

The organization is composed of movie producers and theater owners and was established to specifically combat film piracy in 1987, according to Tieng.

The Anti-Film Piracy Council is one of the original beneficiaries of the Metro Manila Film Festival Fund—receiving 30 percent. Other recipients are the Film Academy of the Philippines (30 percent), Movie Workers Welfare Foundation Inc. (30 percent) and the Presidential Social Fund (10 percent).

After the FAP and the Anti-Film Piracy Council's subsidies were slashed to 10 percent in the proposal drafted by Vicente del Rosario, presidential consultant for the entertainment industry, last month, irate industry leaders met with President Arroyo.

(Two new beneficiaries were added in Del Rosario's suggested Sharing

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percent of respondents in surveys conducted by the network wanted the show to return. Among viewers of ABS-CBN, she added, 85 percent were in favor of a comeback as well.

Willie justified the show's existence by saying it is the only shred of hope that the marginalized poor, who comprise most of its audience, can hang onto: "Where else could they go to chase their dreams?" He pointed out that "Wowowee" has made millionaires of at least nine people.

Lessons learned

A woman who won a million pesos in the show only wanted money to return to her hometown in the Visayas to take care of an ailing relative, according to Willie, but she hit the jackpot in the "Pera or Bayong" segment of the show.

But lessons have been learned from the stampede.

The production staff has installed new regulations to

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Scheme—the Optical Media Board and the Film Development Council of the Philippines, with 20 percent each.)

"The President instructed us to immediately hold the election," Camaligan recalled. "We were set to do just that after a vacancy was created when former council president Vic del Rosario resigned on Feb. 8 [following the MMFF reallocation controversy]."

As new president, Camaligan promised to "fight film pirates and protect the interests of movie producers and theater owners."

Ms Arroyo also instructed the council to coordinate closely with the OMB and Del Rosario.

"Especially when it comes to operations," Camaligan stressed. "The council has its own agents whose reports present a clear picture of the piracy situation in specific areas all over the country."

Status quo

He's also batting for the original MMFF Sharing Scheme. "We're hoping for a status quo because the council's members are major stakeholders in the industry," he explained. "We know the industry's problems very well. We're the ones greatly affected by piracy."

In any case, he added, "We can still support the OMB by continuing to give its monthly subsidy of P200,000. But the council needs its original 30 percent subsidy to go on."

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control the number of people queuing daily for entrance coupons at the studio gate. This averages at least 3,000 but increases to 10,000 the day after someone wins P1 million, Willie said.

Now there will be separate entrances for senior citizens and children, who should be accompanied by adults. A blood pressure check is also mandatory for studio contestants, according to Cory Vidanes, ABS-CBN vice president for entertainment. "Blood pressure rises with the excitement," she explained. "We want to make sure they can take this kind of excitement."

To totally eradicate the queue, contestants will be chosen through a text raffle system, she added. A contestant qualifies for the raffle by sending a text message to a designated number.

"Wowowee's" regular programming resumes March 11. From tomorrow till March 10, a documentary special featuring big winners will be aired.

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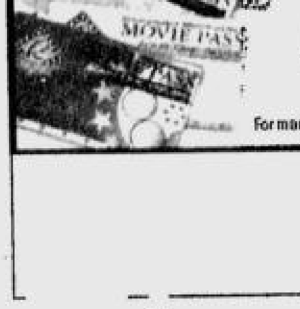

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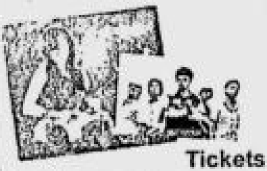

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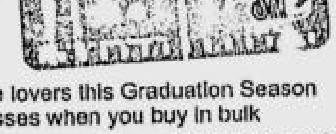

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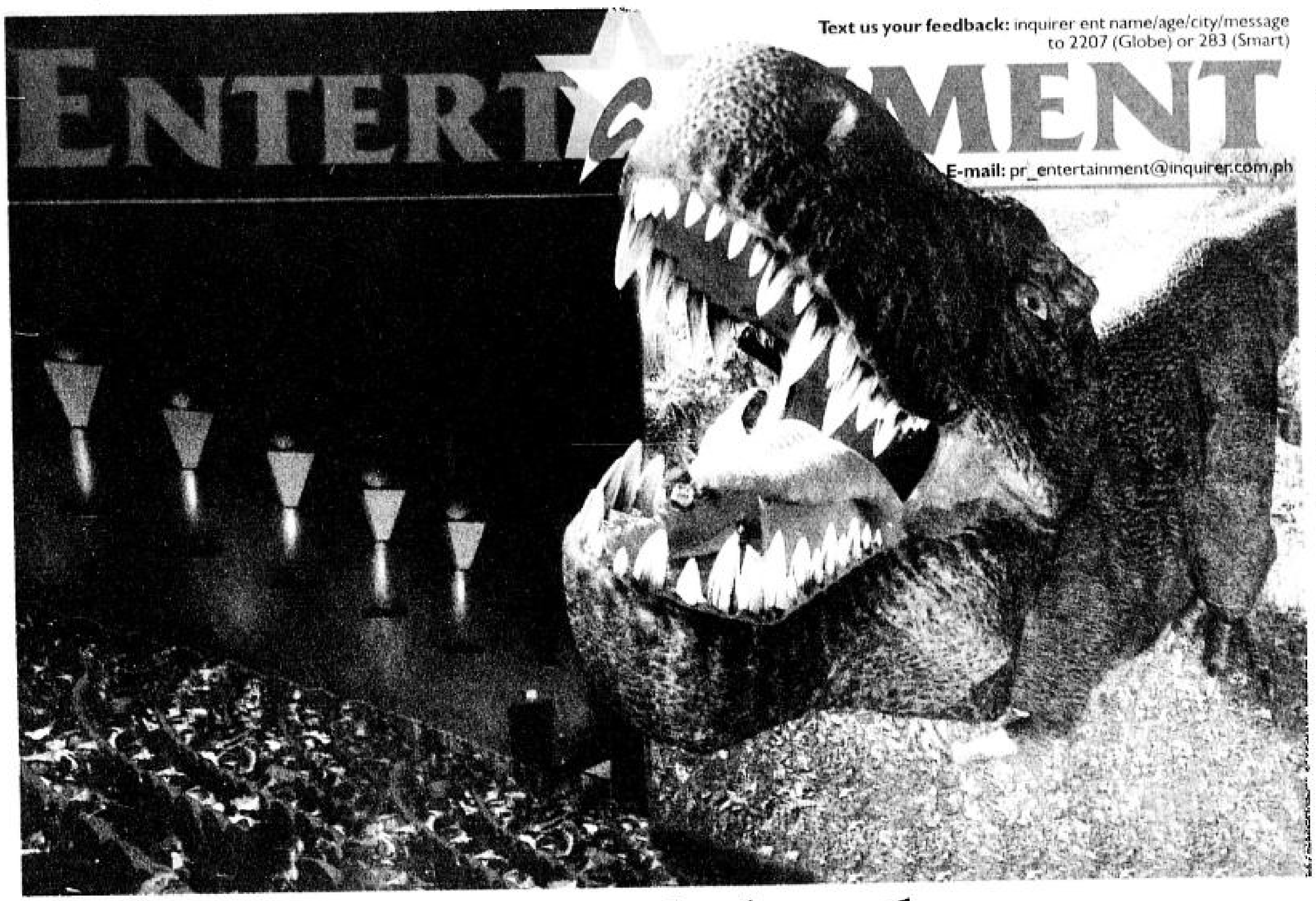

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By Bayani San Diego Jr.

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It's not your imagination; it's the Imax (Image Maximum) experience.

In the new Imax theater, which opens in the SM Mall of Asia (Bay Boulevard, Pasay City) in May—and which shows 3D flicks—startling images such as these leap out as a matter of course from the huge screen.

Ah, the screen!

At 80 feet—or eight stories—high, it's the biggest in the world, according to Ric Camaligan, first vice president of SM Leisure Inc., which operates SM Cinemas.

It's bigger than most billboards on Edsa.

This 598-seater Imax theater in Manila is the 265th in the world and the eighth in Asia.

Imax, which originated in Canada, is currently present in 36 countries—including Australia, Poland, England, Spain, Denmark, and in the region, China, India, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Singapore, Taiwan and Thailand.

In California alone, there are 11 Imax theaters.

"We met all the stringent requirements of Imax international," Camaligan said. "We followed specifications to the letter."

Investment is currently in the neighborhood of P250 million (construction is ongoing).

SM even bought 2,000 3D headsets at $23 each. The cineplex also purchased a state-of-the-art cleaning machine that disinfects these 3D glasses after each use.

The Imax moviehouse also boasts reclining loveseats, priced at P10,000 each.

From all discernible indications, SM pulled out all the stops for this "dream project" of big boss Henry Sy.

SM gave INQUIRER Entertainment a sneak peek at the 2,000 sq.-m. theater—a tour that included the projection room.

The Imax projector is three times the size of the usual movie projector, and the Imax film is 10 times the size of the regular 35mm film.

The reels of an Imax film are so big and heavy that a forklift is needed to hoist them up or down the projector's loops.

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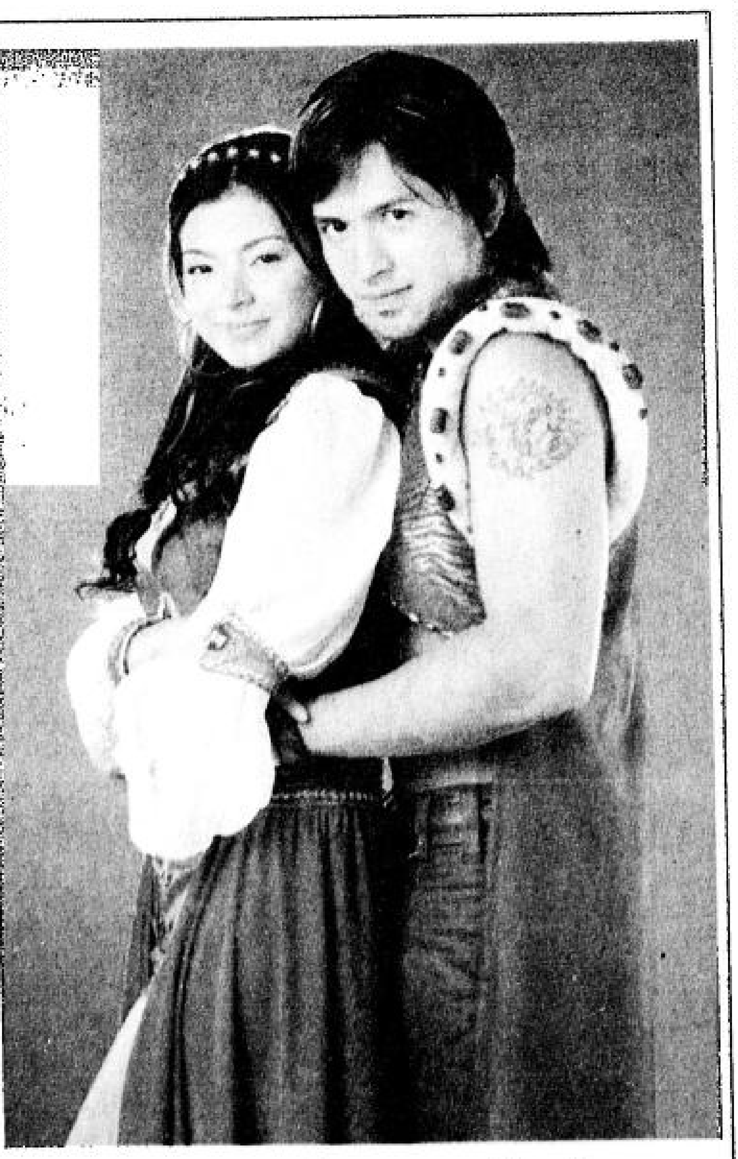

Reunited in "Majika"

THE NEW *fantaserye*, "Majika," topbills two of GMA 7's biggest stars, Angel Locsin and Dennis Trillo, who last teamed-up in the small screen version of Mars Ravelo's "Darna."

In "Majika," Angel plays Sabina, eldest child of two Salamangkas who chose to live and raise their three children in the mortal world. Sabina's simple but happy life is shattered when her parents and her siblings are abducted, leaving her alone at a very young age. Dennis, plays Argo, a Salamangka tasked to look for Sabina. He trains her in the ways of magic and eventually falls in love with her.

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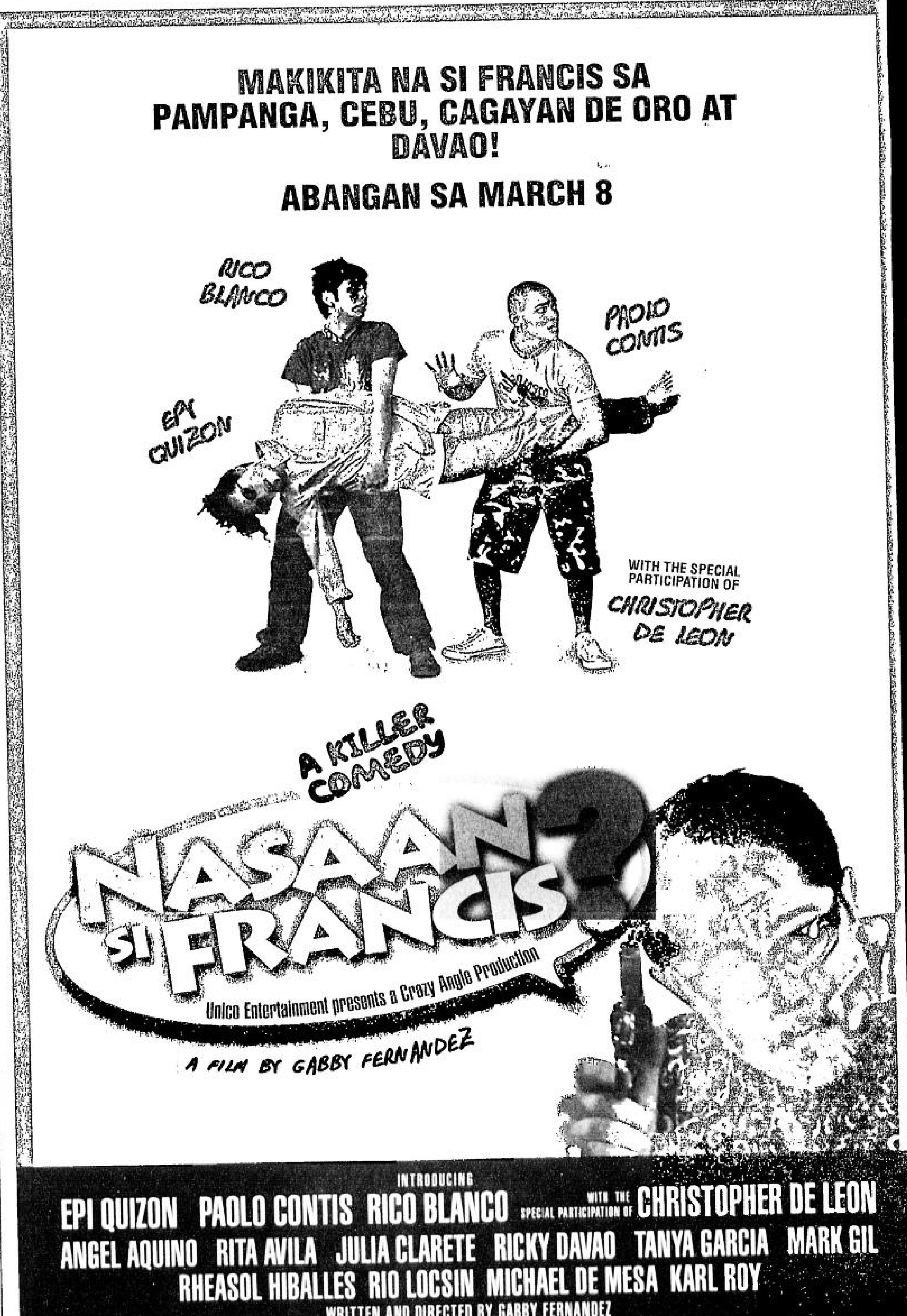
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Gozon says GMA 7 still No. 1

SURVEYS are on their ide, Gozon insists.

By Marinel R. Cruz

"ABS-CBN SHOULD BE RUN THE WAY ITS leaders think it should be run. It's their prerogative to hire more personnel or promote their employees," said Felipe Gozon, president of GMA 7.

INQUIRER Entertainment earlier sought Gozon's opinion on the current organizational movements within rival network ABS-CBN.

"I'm not in a position to talk about these changes extensively. Whatever I would say could be construed as result of the fact that we're in competition," Gozon said on Wednesday.

Luis Alejandro announced last week his decision to leave the Kapamilya network after being president and chief operating officer for two years. Eugenio "Gabby" Lopez III, formerly chair and chief executive officer, assumed the presidency; former executive vice president for entertainment Charo Santos-Concio is now EVP and channel head.

Antonio Ventosa, previously managing director of Hemisphere Leo Burnett Advertising, is now head of ABS-CBN marketing. Agustin Benitez, until recently associated managing director of ABC 5, is now head of customer development group.

Gozon said rumors reaching him say GMA 7's prime time programs now suffer from poor ratings because ABS-CBN is slowly reclaiming the top spots, especially through "Pinoy Big Brother" and "Gulong ng Palad."

Not true

"These rumors aren't true," Gozon said. "The best evidence is the result of the most recent survey." He said the survey result will be released this week. "It's normal for ratings go up and down. Most of these [ABS-CBN] shows have poor ratings. Hype *lang 'yan*. Soon people will know the truth."

As for President Macapagal-Arroyo's Proclamation 1017, Gozon pointed out that GMA 7 will always be "against any assault to freedom of speech and of expression."

The proclamation, which declared a national state of emergency, was followed by a raid on The Daily Tribune offices in Port Area, Manila, and the arrest of personalities known to oppose the administration. Ms Arroyo withdrew the declaration on Friday.

Gozon said, "[I am] confident that because of our Ethics and Editorial Manual [for broadcast news], we are more or less safe."

He said the network understood the "special circumstances" that prompted Ms Arroyo to issue Proclamation 1017. "We just don't know if the bases for the declaration are true or not. As a lawyer, I believe that only if the bases are proven to be true can the declaration be justified."

'Sa Piling Mo off to a very good start

By Paul Daza
Contributor

"SA PILING MO," ABS-CBN'S NEW soap opera starring Judy Ann Santos and Piolo Pascual, has a lovely vibe that sets it apart from other soaps on prime time television. The show makes full use of the on-screen chemistry between the two leads, who continue to shine though their love team is several years old—they're virtual senior citizen in this age of instant stars. Not only that, it's a "manufactured" love team, one that ceases to exist when cameras aren't rolling.

In spite of this, fans can't seem to get enough of the "Piolo-Juday" pair, as the show's impressive ratings show. The story of "Sa Piling Mo" cleverly exploits Judy Ann's martyr-for-love persona, and Piolo's puppy-like, *kawawa* appeal. She's Jennifer, a spunky girl who helps people place bets at cockfights in the rural town of San Dionisio in the late 1990s. He's Adrian, a blind singer who serenades customers in a barrio restaurant. He and Jennifer have been friends since childhood and have recently declared their love for one another.

Adrian needs three hundred thousand pesos for an eye operation in Manila. If he doesn't go under the knife soon, he will be blind forever. Jennifer must find a way to raise the money even though Adrian has forbidden her from ever going to another cockfight.

REVIEW

Yes, of course, there's nothing original about the characters and their predicament. You get the feeling you've seen it all before in a Viva *komiks* melodrama from the '80s, or even from another ABS-CBN *teleserye*. And Piolo Pascual as a folk singer? Didn't he just play one in last January's blockbuster movie "Don't Give Up On Us," which also teamed him up with Judy Ann Santos?

Juday has never looked more radiant than in "Sa Piling Mo," but she simply doesn't look like a barrio lass. Piolo is as handsome as ever, but he isn't completely convincing as a blind person. And yet, when their characters profess their love for one another and (gasp!) make love in a scene that pushes the boundar rating, the scene siz the flame of a passi

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24-hour air-conditioning, said Canaligan, because the fully-computerized Imax system is complex and sensitive.

The SM staff trained under a Canadian consultant and a projectionist will soon travel to the United States for further training.

The local mall chain has an exclusive contract with Imax for five, plus three, years and plans to build two or three more Imax theaters.

The INQUIRER visit included a preview of four Imax movie trailers—"T-Rex: Back to the Cretaceous," "Deep Sea 3D" (narrated by Johnny Depp and Kate Winslet); "Space Station 3D" (narrated by Tom Cruise); and "NASCAR 3D."

The Imax theater will offer the dramatic true-life adventure flick, "Everest," as initial offering.

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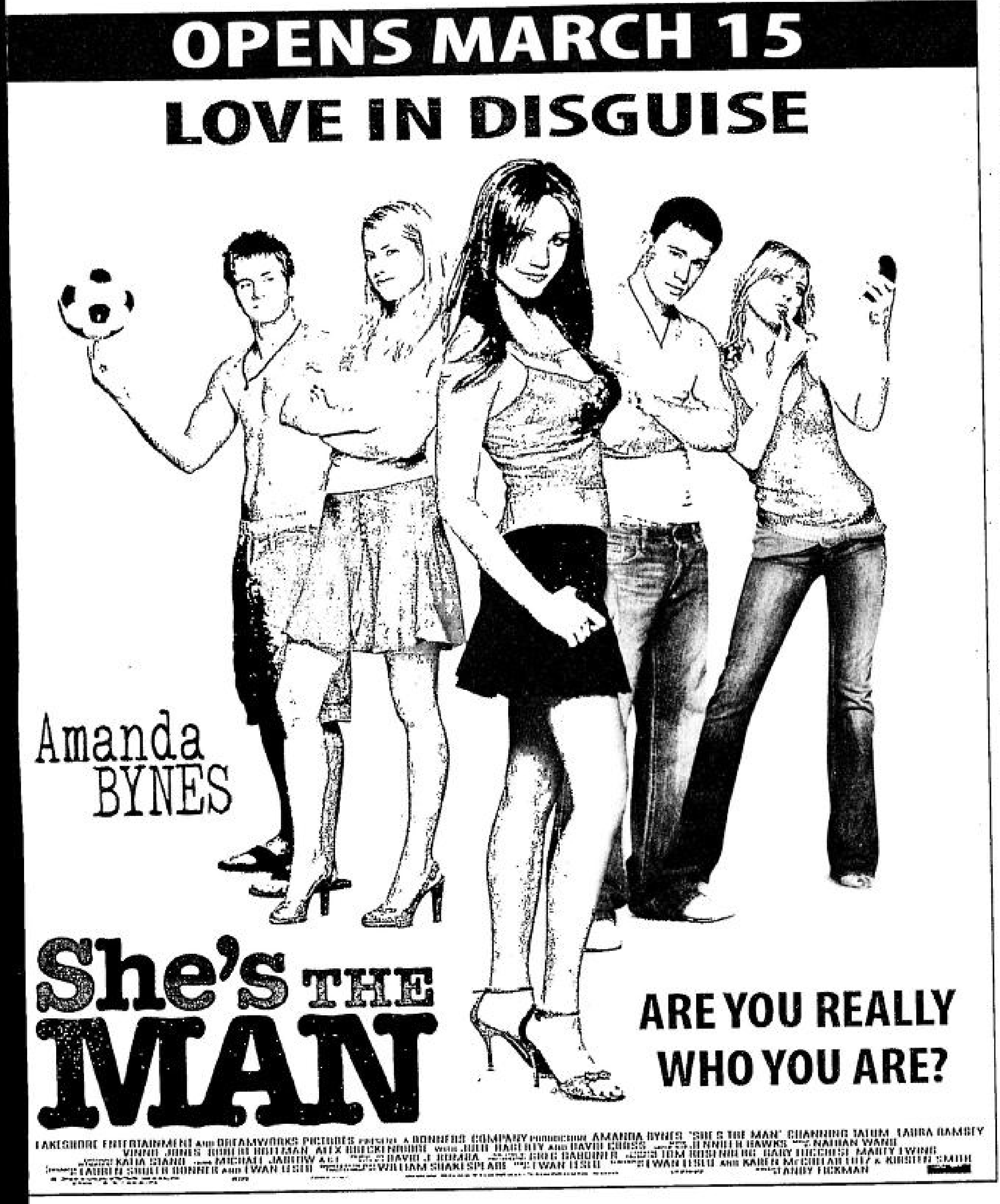

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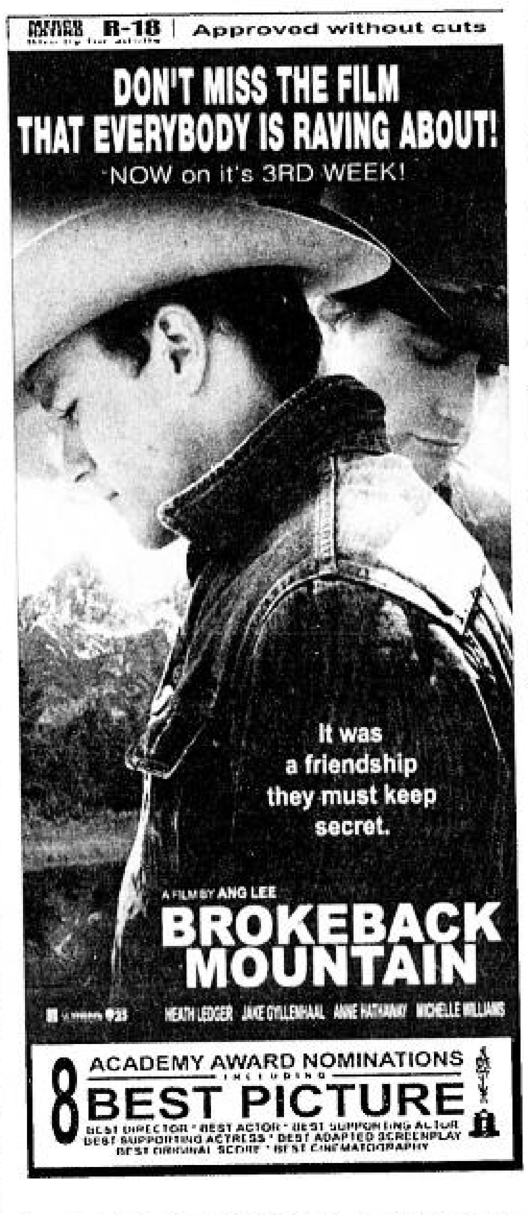

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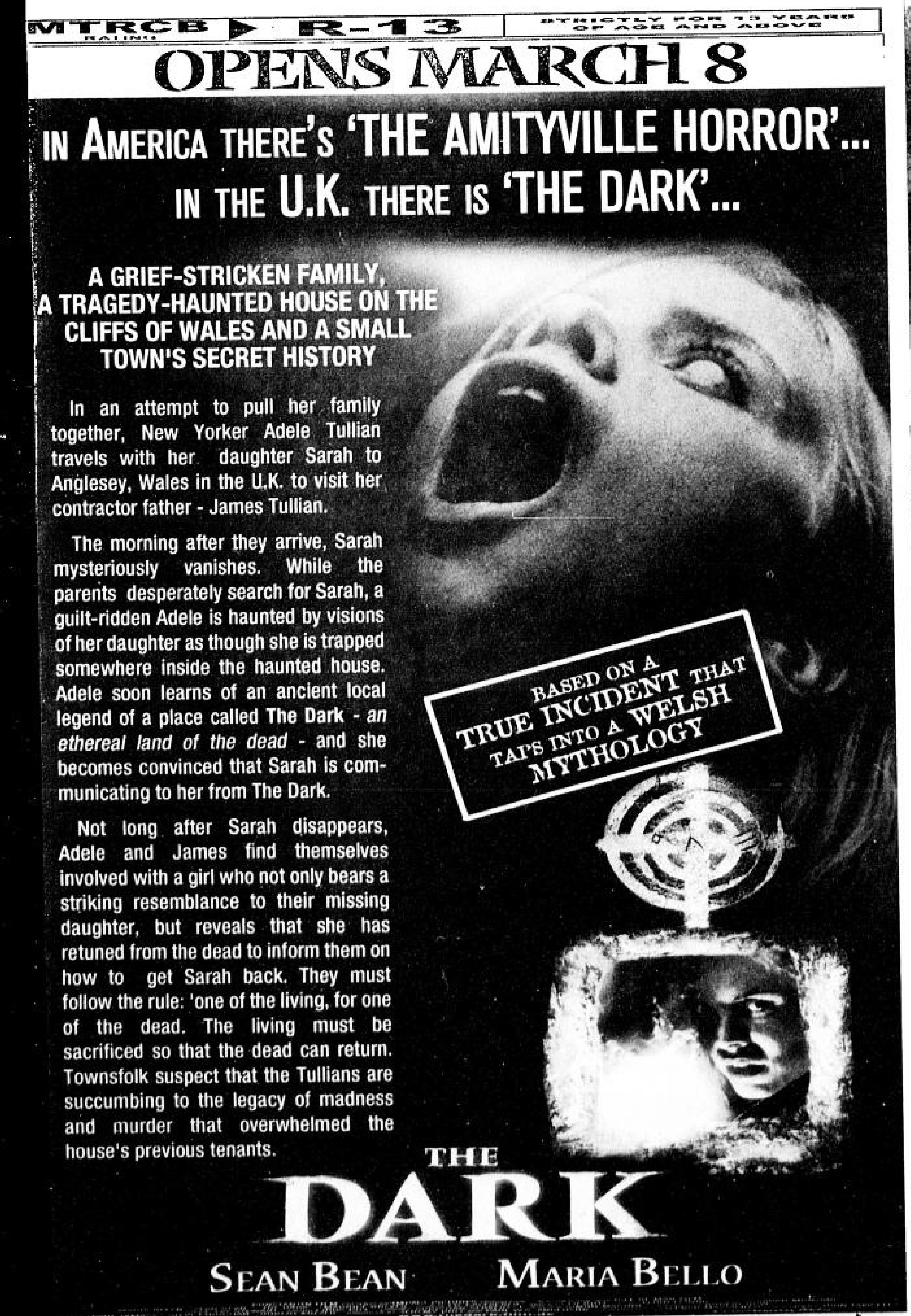

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In an attempt to pull her family together, New Yorker Adele Tullian travels with her daughter Sarah to Anglesey, Wales in the U.K. to visit her contractor father - James Tullian.

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Not long after Sarah disappears, Adele and James find themselves involved with a girl who not only bears a striking resemblance to their missing daughter, but reveals that she has retuned from the dead to inform them on how to get Sarah back. They must follow the rule: 'one of the living, for one of the dead. The living must be sacrificed so that the dead can return. Townsfolk suspect that the Tullians are succumbing to the legacy of madness and murder that overwhelmed the house's previous tenants.

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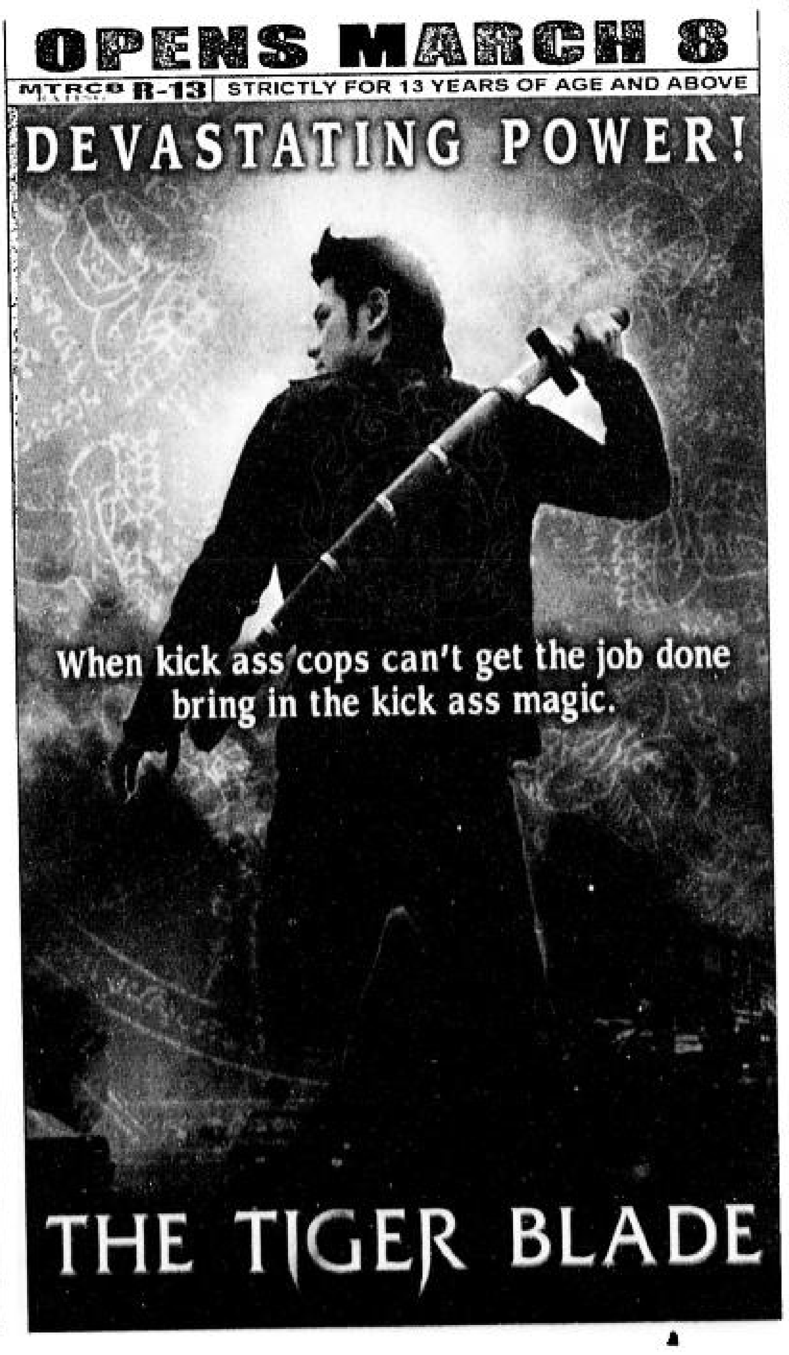

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It's too early to tell if "Sa Piling Mo" will become like just another soap populated by caricatures instead of characters, especially when the other actors, like Albert Martinez and Rica Peralejo, make their appearances. For now, all one can do is be as optimistic about the show's future as Jennifer and Adrian are about their love life. At this point, all that can be really said about "Sa Piling Mo" is that it's off to a very good start.

movie screen

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The good news is, Imax viewing fare is not limited to nature and science documentaries.

"The T-Rex" chronicles the misadventures of a paleontologist's daughter who inexplicably finds herself lost in the land of dinosaurs.

Blockbusters

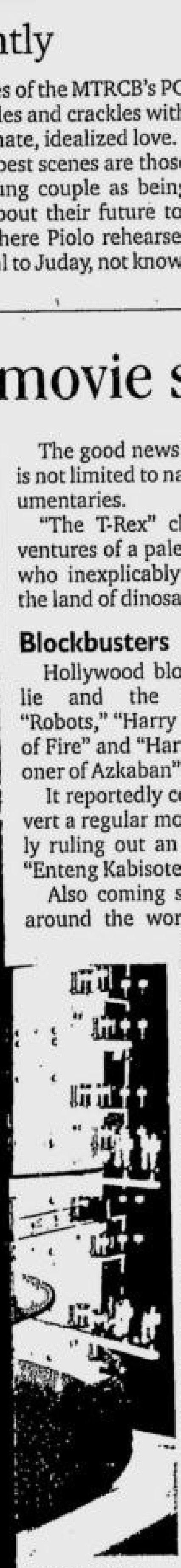
Hollywood blockbusters like "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory," "Robots," "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire" and "Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban" have Imax versions.

It reportedly costs $1 million to convert a regular movie to Imax, practically ruling out an Imax version of, say, "Enteng Kabisote."

Also coming soon in Imax theaters around the world are crowdpleasers like "V for Vendetta," "Poseidon Escape" and, hold on to your seats, "Superman Returns."

Even better news: SM is initially charging only P150. A veritable bargain, considering that, in the US, Imax tickets cost $19 (or P969).

"Our company is not worried about the ROI (return on investment) as of now," Camaligan said. "Our priority is to provide world-class entertainment to Filipinos. We realize that one way to lure moviegoers back to theaters is by offering something different. The Imax experience cannot be pirated!"



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WOMAN OF MYSTERY For Women's Month, the Hallmark Channel is premiering the girl-power series "Mystery Woman" tonight at 9. The detective program stars Emmy nominee Kellie Martin (left, of "ER" and "Life Goes On") as Samantha "Sam" Kinsey, a mystery book fan turned amateur sleuth. After inheriting her uncle's bookstore, she gets embroiled in real-life crimes. Other show dates are March 12 and 19.

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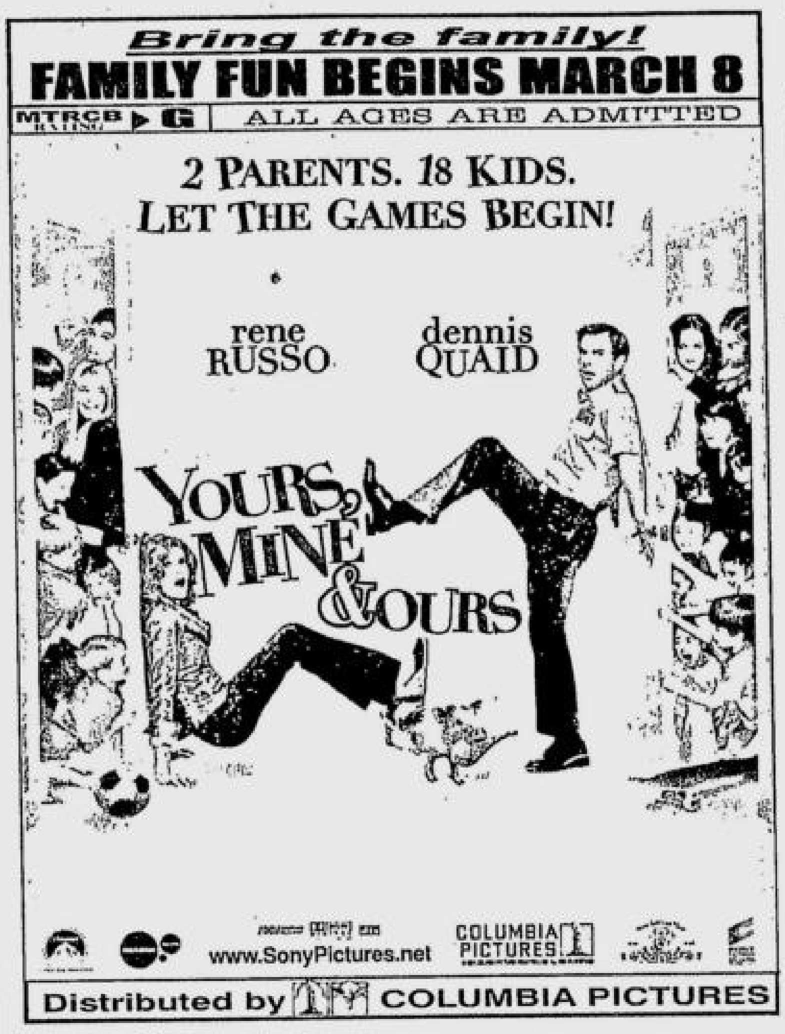

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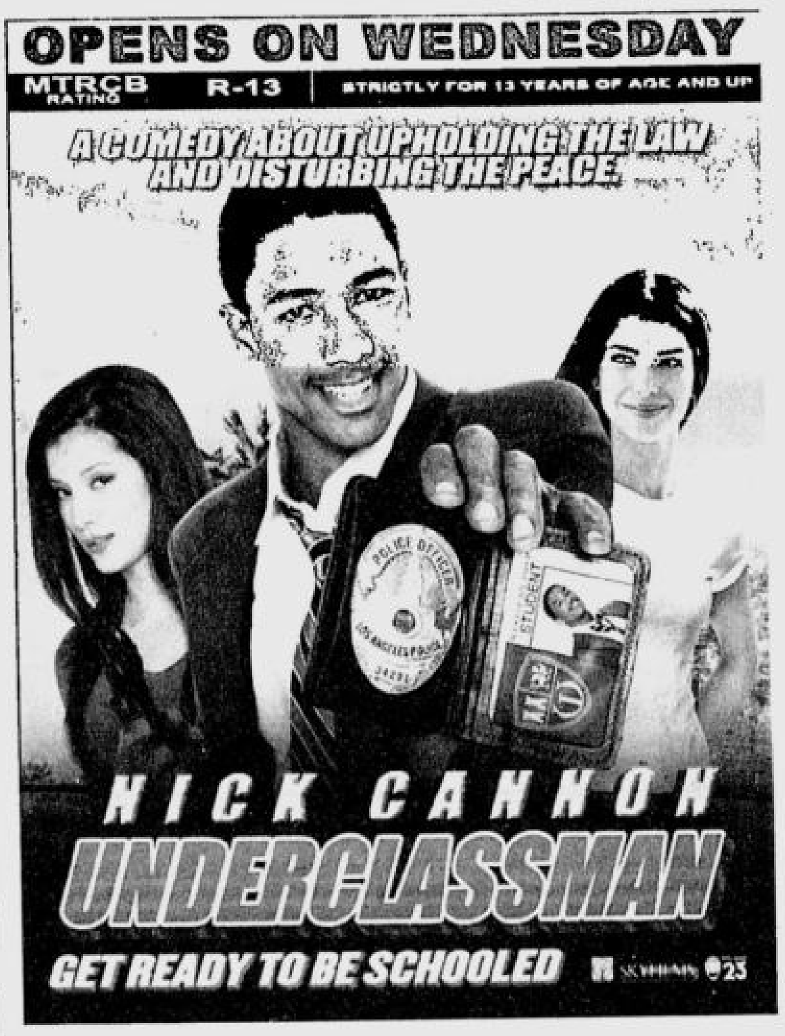

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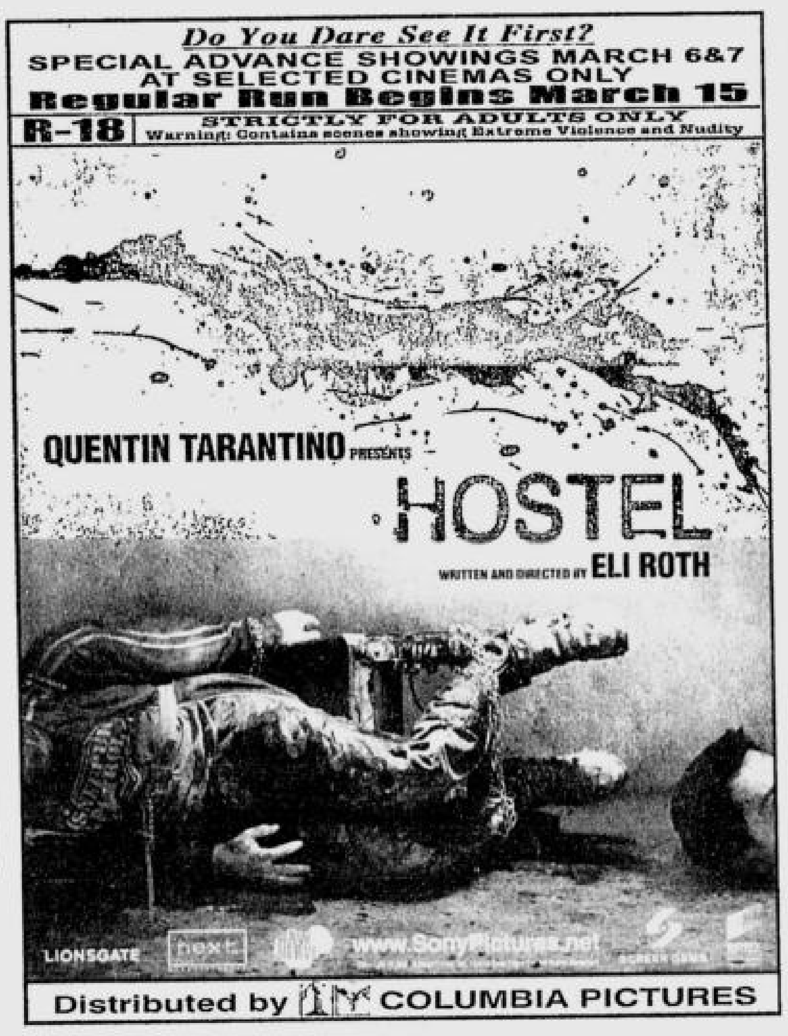

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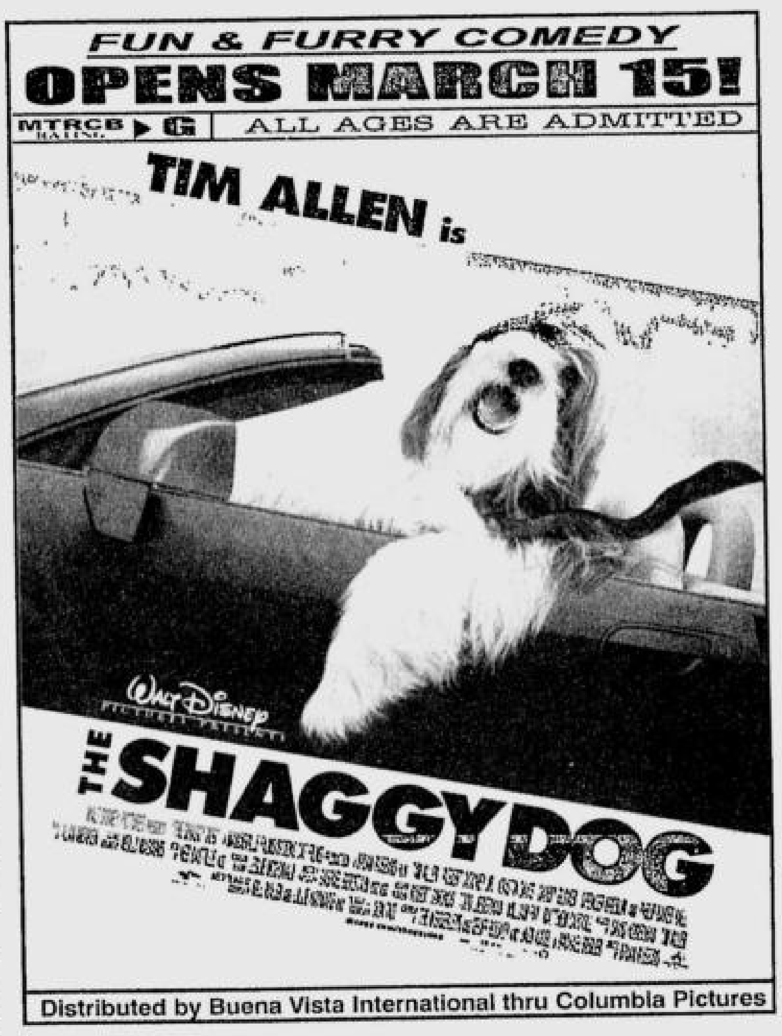

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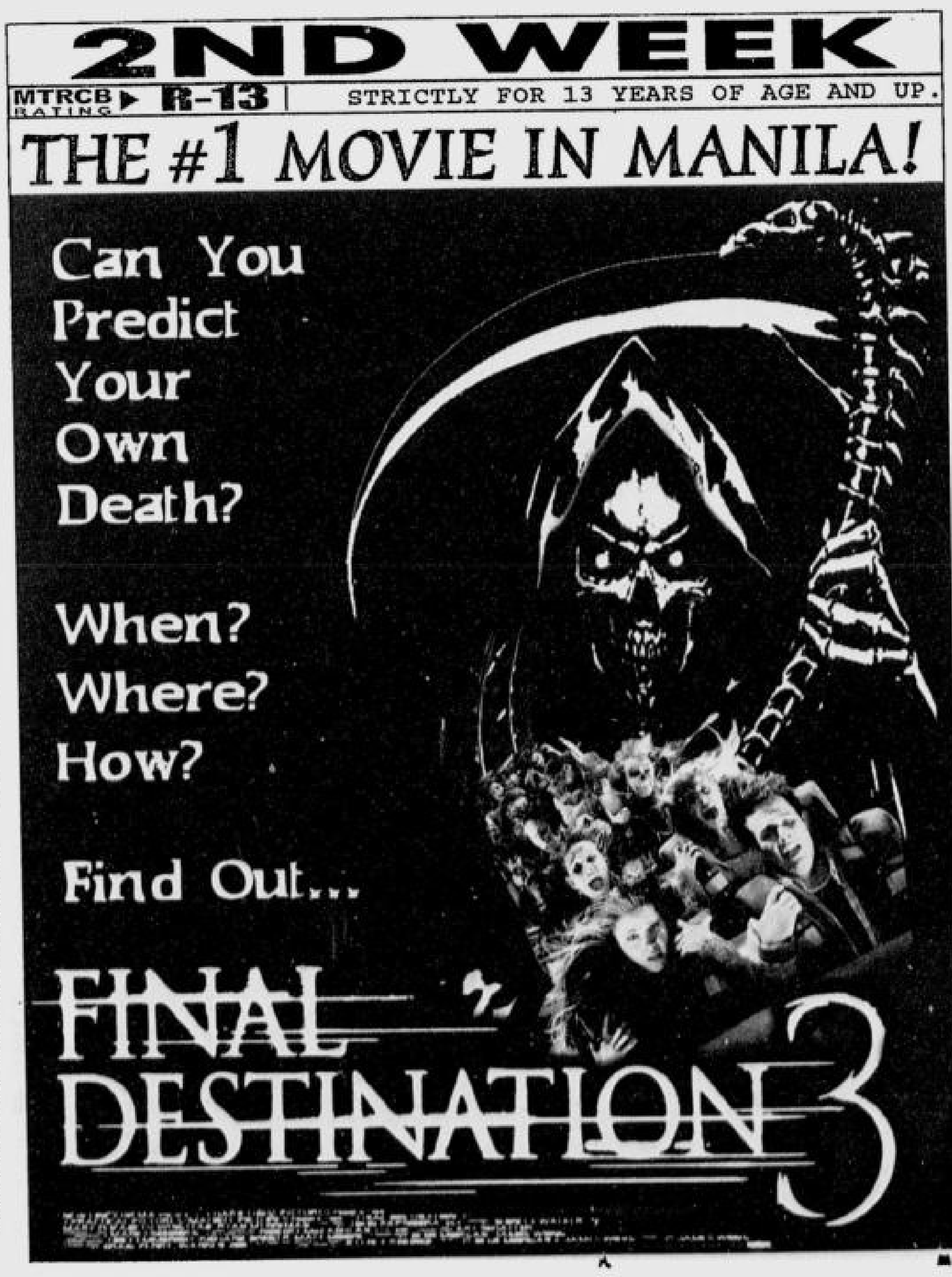

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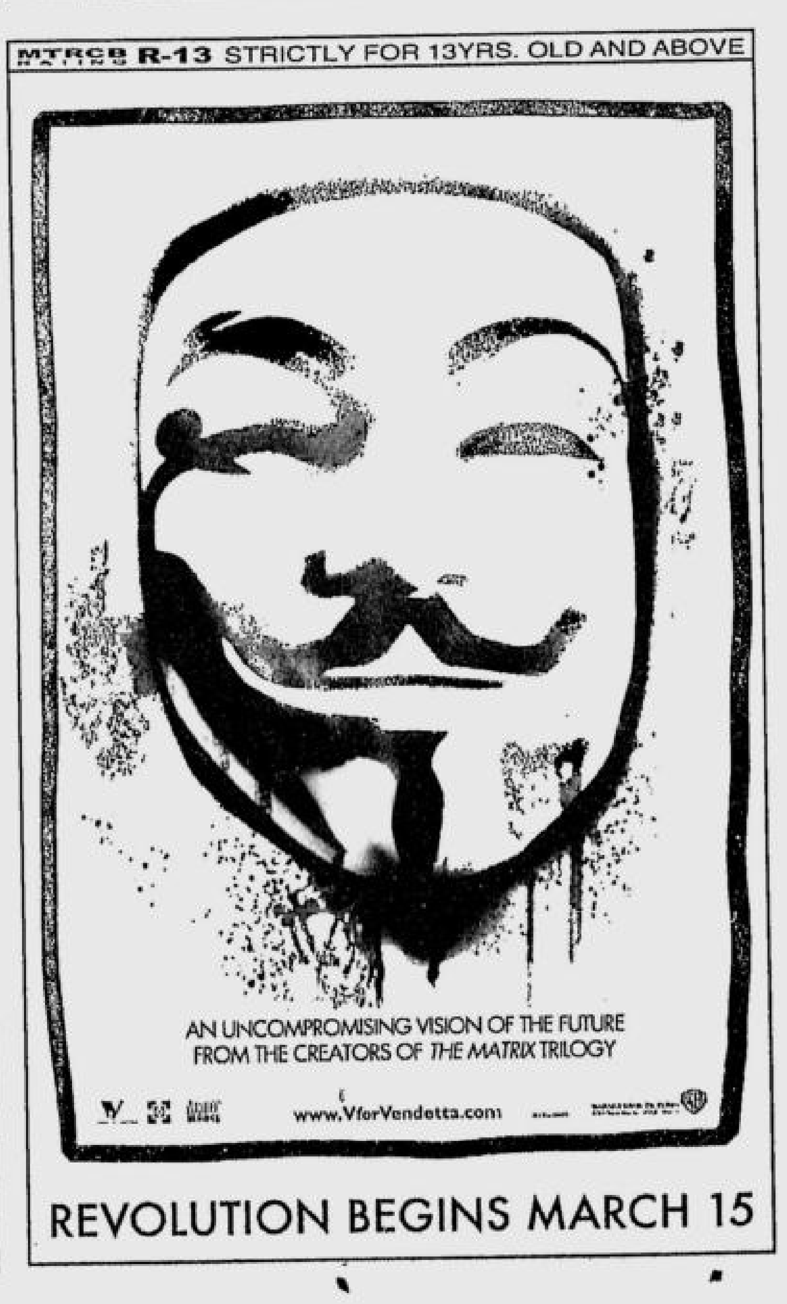

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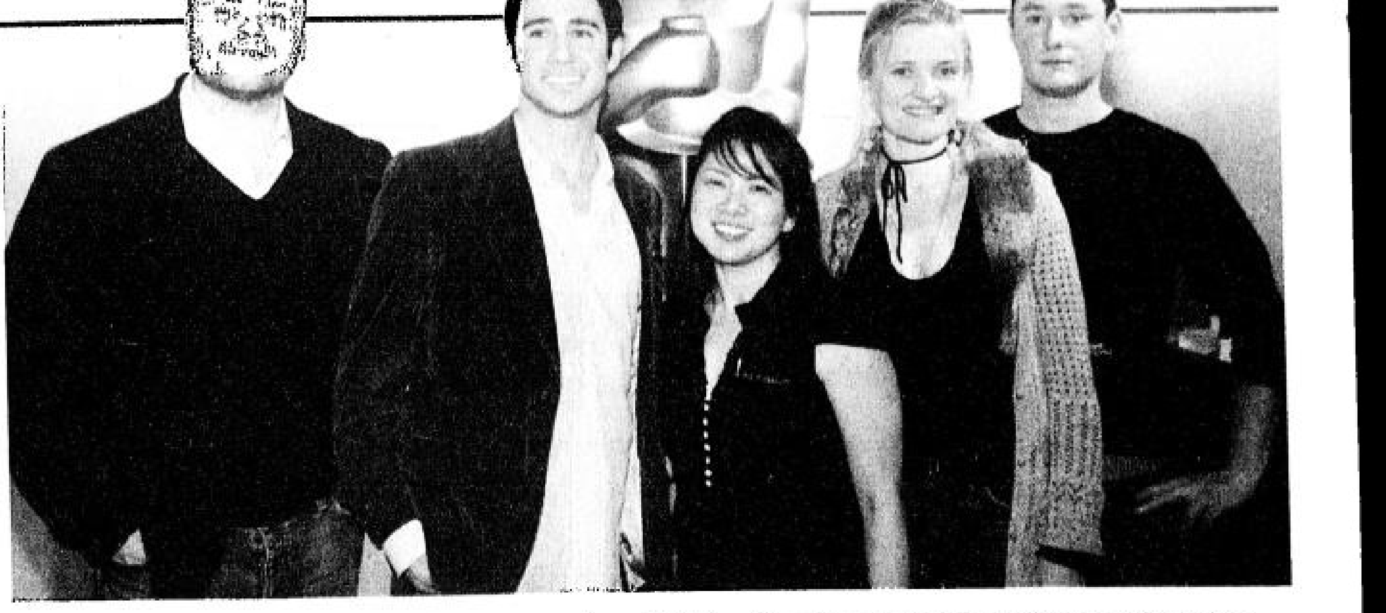
Pia Clemente ready for her big Oscar day



NOMINEES in the Live-Action Short Films category, from left: Thor Sigurjonsson, producer, "The Last Farm"; Rob Pearlstein, director and Pia Clemente, producer, "Our Time is Up"; Ulrike Grote, director, "Ausreisser"; and Runar Runarsson, director, "The Last Farm."

ONLY IN HOLLYWOOD

Ruben V. Nepales

LOS ANGELES—SEVERAL HEADY WEEKS since that fateful morning on Jan. 31 when her quiet world of producing commercials, industrial films and music videos suddenly changed because of her additional title—Oscar nominee—**Pia Clemente** faces Sunday, March 5.

Today, Oscar show day (Monday in Manila) is what all the whirlwind activities in the past month were for. Pia, who earned an additional, special appellation since the nominations announcement—first Fil-Am woman to receive an Oscar nomination—has a shot at being the first Fil-Am to win an Oscar.

For the record, **Ariel Velasco-Shaw** holds the honor of being the first Fil-Am Academy nominee. He earned a nod in 1994 for Best Special Effects (Visual) for his work in Tim Burton's "The Nightmare Before Christmas."

On her big day at the Kodak Theater in Hollywood, where Pia and **Rob Pearlstein** are up for the Best Short Film (Live Action) plum for "Our Time Is Up," she will proudly wear something that reflects her Filipino roots. When she first threw the challenge to Filipino designers to come up with a uniquely Pinoy creation for her, in a story by yours truly that appeared on the front page of INQUIRER, **Rajo Laurel** and **David Tupaz** were among the first to respond.

Pia's choice

After a difficult evaluation, Pia trimmed the final choices to two—either Rajo or the LA-based David. Then she considered the possibility of a collaboration between Rajo and David. Happily for all, the two turned out to be friends and were willing to work together. As usual, the event will be watched by millions all over the world.

During cocktails on Tuesday at the Academy headquarters in Beverly Hills for the Best Short Film (both Live Action and Animated) nominees, Pia, her pretty *chinita* eyes smiling, told me about her "girlie dilemma"—which one to choose from three Rajo-David gowns, one in burnt orange, another in pink and chocolate, the third in champagne."

She herself stood out that evening in a black dress since she was the only Asian among the nominees being interviewed, photographed and filmed by media crews. Downstairs, a sold-out crowd (many had to be turned away) waited for the screening of the nominated short films and for a panel discussion with Pia, Rob and all the other nominees to begin.

We finally met Rob, who directed "Our Time," and told us about Pia: "She did a fantastic job... so detail-oriented, and [with] a great creative sense. She has a big future as a filmmaker." Rob confirmed that there are offers to turn "Our Time" into a full feature.

As for his and Pia's chances of winning ("Brokeback Mountain" is predicted to run away with the top honors), Rob revealed that his attitude was, they are already winners, whatever the outcome. "The exposure that our film got since we were nominated was more than I could dream of," he declared.

As we write, Pia has picked which gown she will wear from the three that Rajo brought from Manila (he arrived here Wednesday). She selected the champagne-colored one that, according to **Winston Emano**, Pia's publicist friend, is beaded and has a *pintado* tribal pattern. A true PR man, Winston staged an "unveiling" of the gown before the media last Friday.

Pia told us excitedly, "I was so blown-away by Rajo and David's creations that there was a moment—actually a few—where I got emotional. Between us three, we're hopeful and confident that our *kababayans* worldwide will be happy with what they will see."

She summed up her hectic, fantastic past month, which included a lunch with fellow nominees like **Steven Spielberg** and **George Clooney**: "I took it day by day. Each day there was something that made Sunday become more real—from the nominated short film program hosted at the Academy, to my family arriving in LA to share this experience, to fitting my dress! I savored each day and what it brought. The best advice I've been given was to breathe, to take my time because as we got closer to the day, everything began moving so fast."

Pia and Rob's film is the lone American nominee, facing competition from the United Kingdom (two nominees), Germany and Iceland.

To Pia and Rob, good luck!

The Oscar show will be star-studded, as usual. Among the presenters are: **Jennifer Lopez, Hilary Swank, Jamie Foxx, Morgan Freeman, Jessica Alba, Owen Wilson, Luke Wilson, Jennifer Aniston, Tom Hanks, Sandra Bullock, Keanu Reeves, Will Ferrell, Queen Latifah, Clint Eastwood, Terrence Howard, Meryl Streep, Will Smith, Steve Carell, Nicole Kidman, Chris "Ludacris" Bridges, Uma Thurman, Charlize Theron, Naomi Watts, Lily Tomlin, Reese Witherspoon, Jack Nicholson, Salma Hayek** and George Clooney.

Pia's fellow Fil-Am, former Miss Teen USA **Vanessa Minnillo**, will be one of the pre-Oscar show co-hosts on the red carpet.

About the host...

In our interview with **Billy Crystal** last Tuesday, the Oscar show inevitably became one of the topics since the funny guy has hosted this much-anticipated Hollywood event several times. In my opinion, his entrance as **Hannibal Lecter** is one of the funniest Oscar moments ever.

Of **Jon Stewart**, tonight's host, Billy said: "We have spoken many times over the last two weeks. He called for advice. He also called **Steve Martin** and **Chris Rock**. He's very smart. He's funny. He's got good writers. If he can relax and get through the first 10 minutes, he'll do a terrific job."

And what advice did he give Jon? "I just told him to look like he wants to be there. I think that's the best advice I can give him. There's a lot of hosts who go out there and either they look like they don't want to be there or they're there to make fun of it or something. The most important thing for me when I did the show was that the audience knew I was happy to be there."

Billy, the proud grandpa of a three-week old baby, added, "Jon asked me what do you do here, what do you do there and I told him. I also told him to wear comfortable shoes (laughter)."

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Top bets for Oscars

VIEWFINDER

Nestor U. Torre

WITH THE 2005 US ACADEMY Awards night coming up shortly (tomorrow in Manila!), local film buffs are surveying the field of finalists in the major categories, and figuring out probable winners. Let's join the speculative fun and come up with our own predictions:

The Best Actor award appears to be a shoo-in for **Philip Seymour Hoffman** in "Capote." Leading up to the Oscars, Hoffman has already won the nod of other heavyweight awards like the Golden Globes and Screen Actors Guild.

What makes Hoffman's performance stand out is the colorful, complex nature of the literary icon he's portraying. **Truman Capote** was a plump, petulant dervish of caustic delight, and Hoffman's ability to get under his skin is both a major challenge—and achievement.

Best Actress? Our vote goes to **Reese Witherspoon**, for her peppy feisty portrayal of **June Carter** in "Walk the Line." The other finalists in her category are also exceptional performers, but Witherspoon's warmth and spunkiness enables viewers to empathize with her portrayal best of all.

Our bet for Best Picture is "Brokeback Mountain," for its honesty, audacity, irony, and bittersweet wisdom. **Ang Lee** should also clinch the Best Director award.

While we're at it, let's go farther out on a limb and predict that the Best Supporting Actor trophy will go to "Brokeback's" **Jake Gyllenhaal**.

'Sharon'

THE PREMIERE telecast of **Sharon Cuneta**'s new show on Channel 2 last Sunday was pushed back due to ABS-CBN's live coverage of the tense standoff at Marine headquarters at Fort Bonifacio.

So, when the new show finally started telecasting, viewers' nerves were too frazzled for them to give the program the full attention it deserved.

Well, we trust that Sharon's show won't be upstaged in a dramatic fashion this Sunday, so we're looking forward to its second telecast.

We like the fact that Sharon's new talk-magazine program wants to inspire and empower viewers with the success stories it features.

Sharon is still plump, but now pleasingly so. Her weight-reduction campaign is clearly a work in progress, and that isn't necessarily a bad thing. In fact, some overweight viewers may just decide to go on a diet and watch the show every week, so they can "lose weight with Sharon"!

Now, that's an "interactive" TV challenge that should catch on.

'Lost'

THE SECOND season of 'Lost' starts on AXN at 10 p.m. tomorrow, with a two-hour special. The show will subsequently be aired every Monday at 10 p.m.

The second season has the remaining survivors making a startling discovery of what lies beneath the island's mysterious hatch that may give further clues as to what the island really is.

A new cast member is also introduced: **Michelle Rodriguez** plays **Ana Lucia Cortez**, a natural leader with a dark and violent past. Her strength and motivation can make her a great asset—or a dangerous enemy.

'Hostel'

THE HIT horror-thriller, "Hostel," produced by **Quentin Tarantino**,

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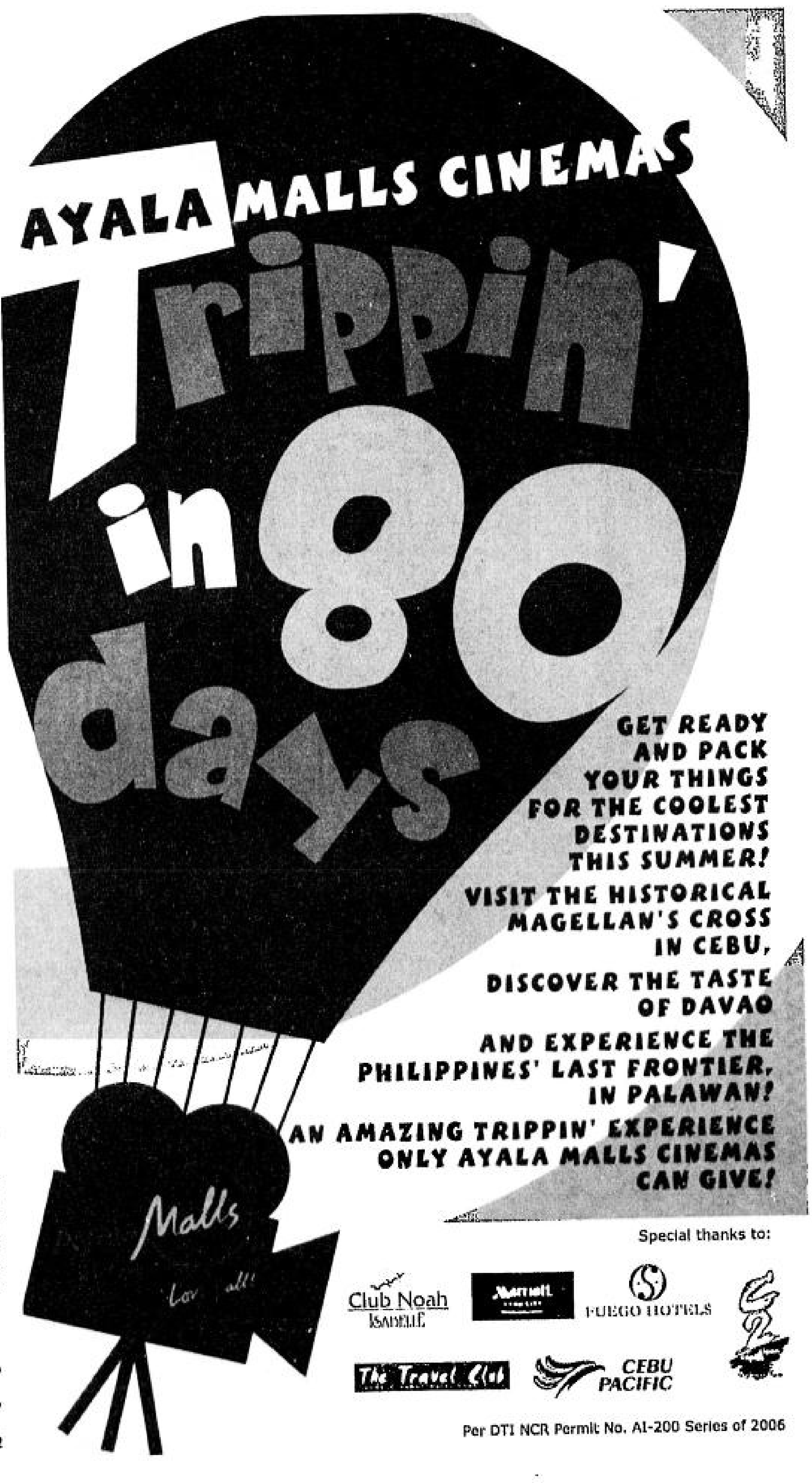

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Gianni is a father who removed himself from the child rearing process when his mentally and physically challenged son, Paolo, was born. Paolo's mother died giving birth, so a kindly couple picked up the reigns and raised him under trying circumstances. Fifteen years later, a guilt-stricken Gianni gets back in touch with his, offering to accompany him on a trip to a hospital in Berlin. Paolo cautiously agrees to the trip with his father, but the reunion was awkward for both parties. The level of care Paolo requires is problematic for Gianni, while Paolo seizes the opportunity to unleash some pent up anger he's kept simmering beneath the surface for the previous 15 years. But a chance meeting at the hospital between Gianni and a fellow parent of a disabled child, Nicole, presents the beleaguered father with a lifeline.

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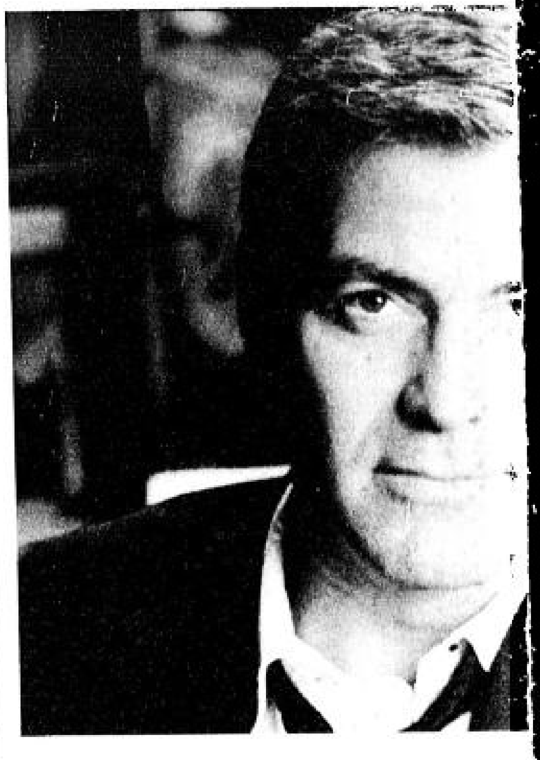

LOS ANGELES—BELIEVE IT OR NOT, George Clooney has never been to the Academy Awards.

With three nominations this year, Clooney's first walk down that red carpet not only makes a bit of Oscar history but cements his journey from People magazine's "sexiest man alive" to Total Film magazine's "most dangerous man in Hollywood."

"I don't really feel like I'm going to win. I just like the idea of showing up," Clooney quipped last week.

The 44-year-old actor, who a decade ago set pulses racing as Doctor Douglas Ross on the TV hospital show "ER," has become the mischievous A-list star who can turn capers like "Ocean's Eleven" into box office gold and write, direct and act in risky projects that most studios shrink from.

Then there's his role in organizing star-studded tsunami fund-raisers, campaigning with U2 singer Bono for African debt relief, opening a Las Vegas casino and somehow getting the rap for breaking up every faltering celebrity marriage.

"He is today's Clark Gable. He's got the chiseled good looks with the debonair way that is emblematic of his generation. This man is right out of central casting as the Hollywood glamour boy who can do it all," said veteran Oscar watcher Tom O'Neil, columnist for TheEnvelope.com.

"He has distinguished himself this year

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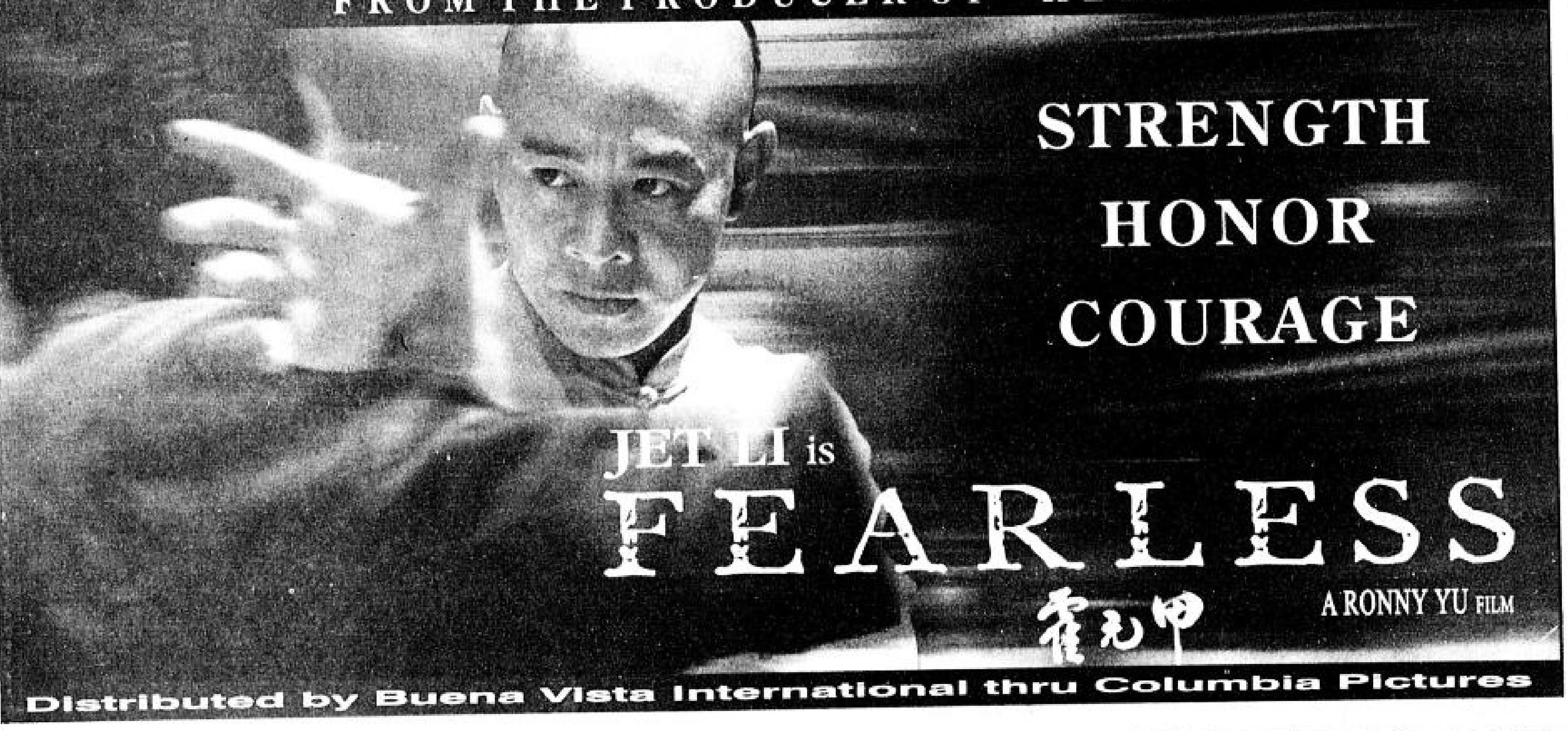

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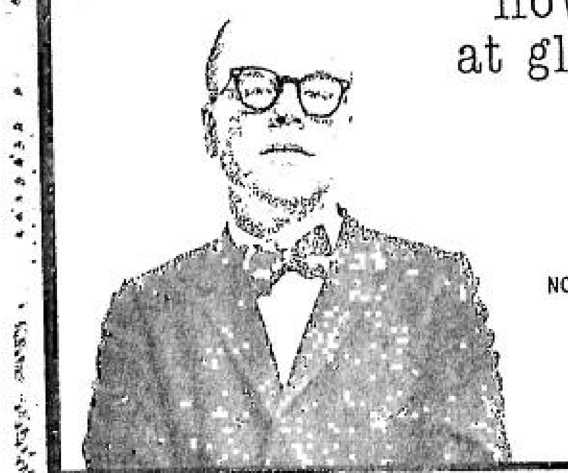

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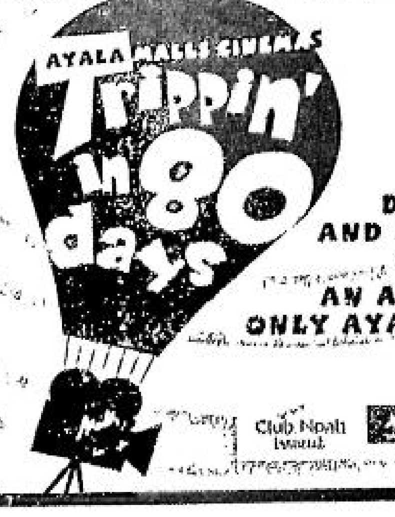

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Clooney makes a bit of Oscar history

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CLOONEY

as an actor, writer and direc-
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," said O'Neil.

oney is the first person in Oscar
y to be nominated for acting and
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he is strong favorite to take home
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ople wax and wane, it ebbs and
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like movie stars Clint Eastwood,
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overnor, Clooney says he has no
cal ambitions.

here are so many compromises
go into anything important,"
ey told Los Angeles magazine this
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sides, he added wickedly: "I've
with too many, drunk too many ...
ve to run on the 'Yeah, I did it' tick-

Reuters

Best bets for Oscars

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will have sneak previews on March 6 and 7. The film is about two adventures American students (**Jay Hernandez** and **Derek Richardson**) who backpack through Europe to have a good and randy time—only to find themselves trapped in an Eastern Europe hotel that doubles as a torture chamber!

'Laging Ikaw'

JESSA **Zaragoza** and **Dingdong Avanzado**'s "Laging Ikaw" album mall tour hits SM Marilao at 5 p.m. today. They will sing songs like "Basta't Kasama Kita," "Sa Aking Puso" and "Iisa Pa Lamang."

Mon David

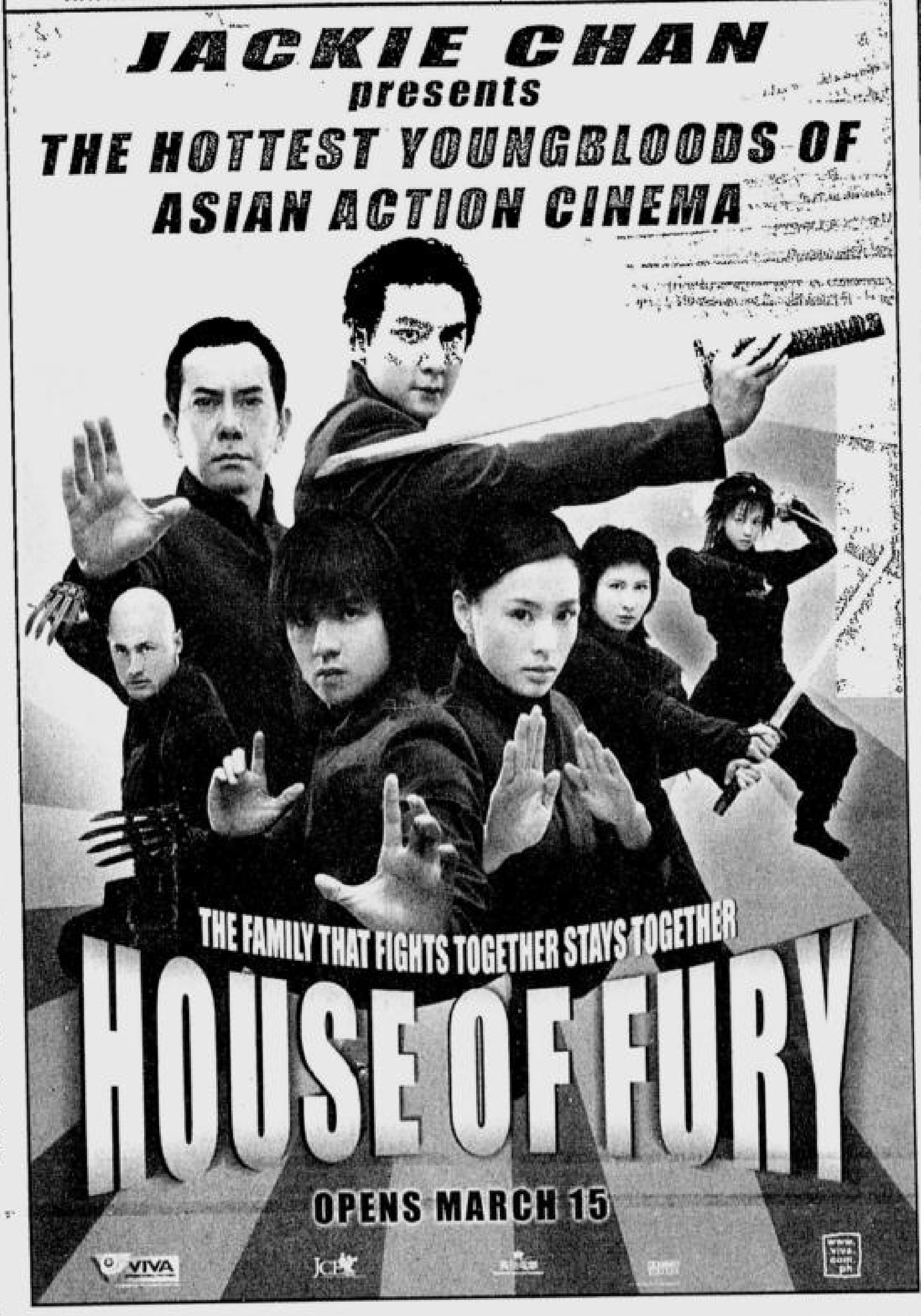
ACCLAIMED singer and songwriter **Mon David** performs in "Extensions" at the Teatrino (Promenade, Greenhills) at 9 p.m. on March 8, presaging his participation in the London International Jazz Competition from March 18 to 22. Special guests are **Bituin Escalante** and **Tots Tolentino**. Also performing with Mon are seasoned musicians **Mark Lopez**, **Koko Bermejo**, **Mike Guevarra** and **Colby de la Calzada**. Call 4260103 or 7216726.

Nikki Bacolod

NIKKI **Bacolod** will launch her CD lite debut album "In Full Bloom" on "ASAP" today. It contains five cuts: **Vehnee Saturno**'s "Tell Me You Love Me," **Odette Quesada**'s "Farewell," **Trina Belamide**'s "Only When I'm With You," **Rupert Holmes**' "You Got It All," and "Stay Here With Me," a duet with **Raymond Manalo**.

Sal Malaki

CELEBRATED tenor **Sal Malaki**, accompanied by pianist **Jonathan Arevalo Coo**, performs in a benefit concert at the CCP at 7 p.m. today. The show aims to raise funds for the outbreak programs of the Manila Adventist Medical Center and School of Medical arts, and to upgrade its facilities. Call 5363677.



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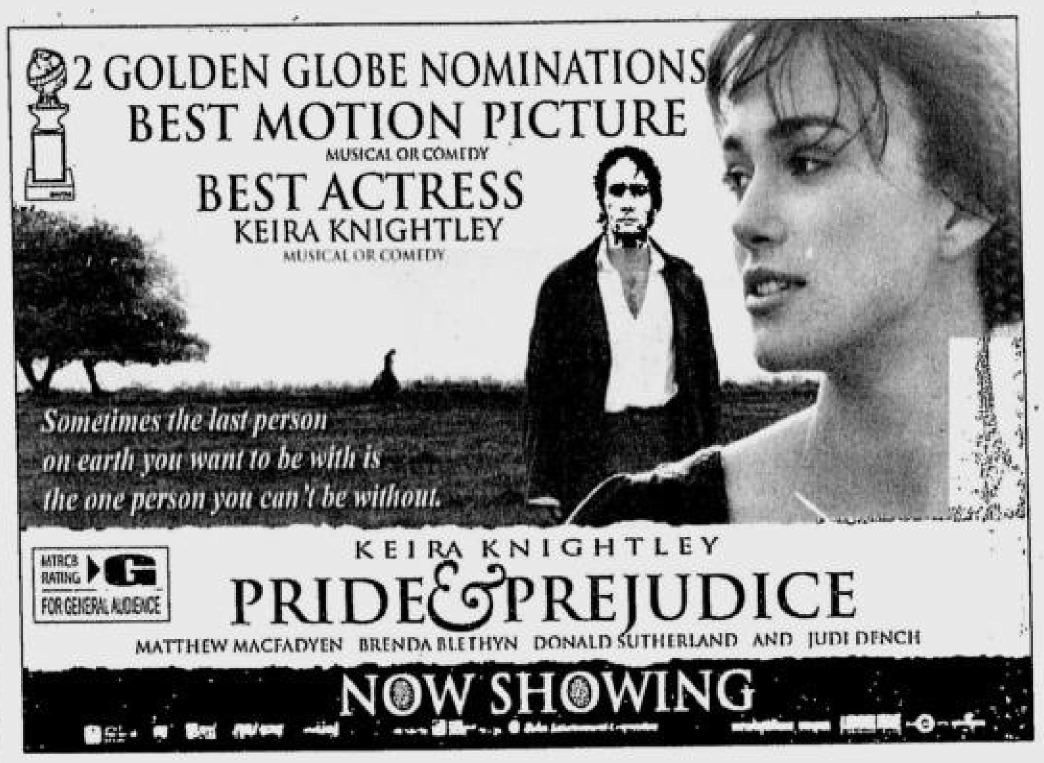

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Exhibit 'V' for the defense

By Ruel S. De Vera

REVIEW

"PEOPLE SHOULD NOT BE AFRAID of their governments," growls the mask-wearing freedom fighter code named V. "Governments should be afraid of their people."

This statement can easily limp into bumper-sticker territory, but when located in "V for Vendetta," the groundbreaking novel from Alan Moore and David Lloyd, the lines carry veritable venom and vainglory. That same affinity for alliteration has been absorbed by first-time director John McTeigue in the big screen adaptation of "Vendetta," which unmasks itself to be both faithful to the original material in many aspects and yet resolutely divergent in others.

"Vendetta" unfolds in a parallel England of the near future, where a totalitarian government led by Chancellor Sutler ("The Elephant Man's" John Hurt) has viciously taken over all aspects of daily life. Armed with the capacity to ladle out tampered information and scare the populace literally witless, the only obstacle to the government's complete domination is the Shakespeare-quoting, blade-twirling V (Hugo Weaving). Young Evey Hammond (Natalie Portman) finds herself swept up in events beyond her control and herself somehow at the side of V as the fugitive sets about to enact his plans by the next fifth of November, Guy Fawkes Day, the British holiday commemorating a failed 1605 plot to destroy parliament by the man who inspired a nursery rhyme and the grinning mask that V wears.

Adapted for the screen by the "Matrix's" Larry and Andy Wachowski, "Vendetta" has been so compressed to fit into two hours that it feels more like an anarchist abstract of the original; it surprises because the story swerves away from the graphic novel at so many story tube stations. The resulting plot is at once preachy and terrifyingly satisfying because it hews so closely to real world events. Those armed troops marching in the streets, arrayed against protesting citizens, the talking heads on television letting their will be done; it's someone's wishful thinking or someone else's ultimate nightmare. Choose your own heartbreak.

> Draped in dread and symbolism, this action-oriented adaptation of the graphic novel finds eerie resonance in these troubled times

More elaborate

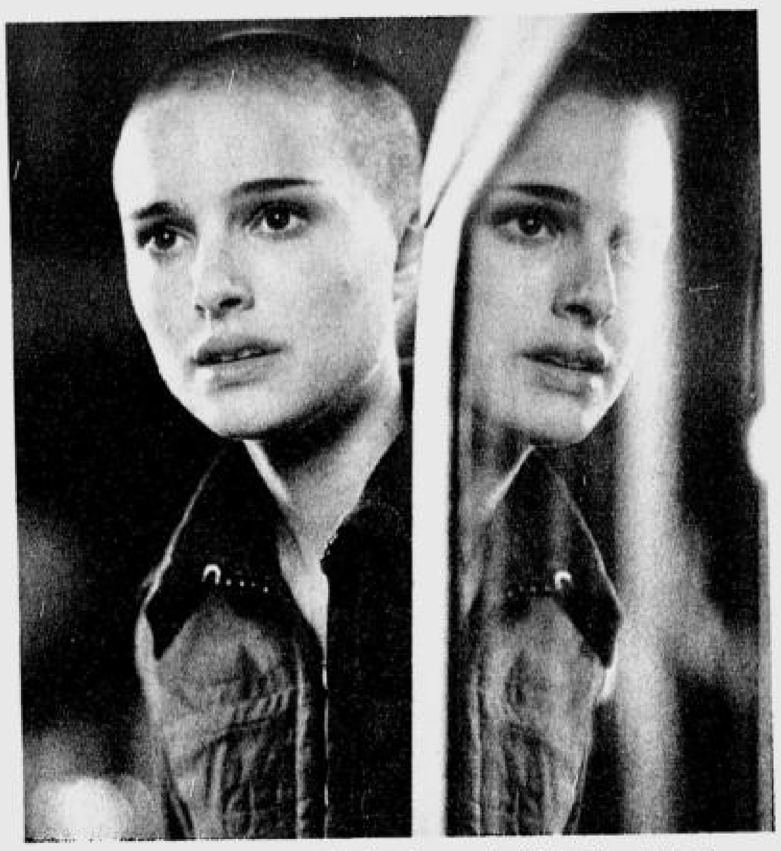
Owing to its Matrix parentage, "Vendetta" also finds more elaborately staged action scenes than one expects. McTeigue orchestrates "Vendetta" as a slick, grim allegory drenched in foreboding black and meaningful red. In his hands, it becomes a surprisingly straightforward movie, using flashbacks and cutaways to literally tie the plot together in key scenes to avoid losing the audience. It's "Vendetta for Dummies" then, but it comes together well. Hardcore believers in the graphic novel will feel a familiar amazement in the scenes that truly appear like David Lloyd's panels come to agitated life.

Channeling her inner wild child, Portman gets to flex her trained English accent thoroughly as Evey, projecting a fierce frailty that achieves its full force when her locks are shaved off. "Vendetta" is also buttressed by the weary relentlessness of Stephen Rea's ("The Crying Game") Inspector Finch, as well as the surprisingly hefty presence of Rupert Graves ("The Madness of King George") as Finch's assistant Dominic.

But it falls unto the masked man to carry the movie and, indeed, Weaving already proved that he could be hypnotic no matter how fantastic the character in turns as Agent Smith in the Matrix movies and Elrond in "The Lord of the Rings." Here, he proves he can be scary even when he's delivering lines from behind a smiling mask throughout the entire movie. By conjuring up a playful yet predatory baritone, Weaving's V is every inch a lunatic paladin, dangerous and loopy, alliterative and amnesiac. He makes V stand for so many things, leaving the audience to pick their own poison.

A parable about a world in turmoil and what one man or many can do, "Vendetta" has bred an organic, efficient popcorn project from Alan Moore and David Lloyd's masterwork. Director James McTeigue's competent adaptation uses its screen and swashbuckling savvy to make "V for Vendetta" an action movie with a pedigree, yet there is just enough from the original graphic novel to irradiate the movie with its paranoia and daring, making the movie more resonant, more frightening than at first glance. In the very end, "V for Vendetta" prevails.

(Warner Bros.' "V for Vendetta" opens in Metro Manila theaters on March 15.)



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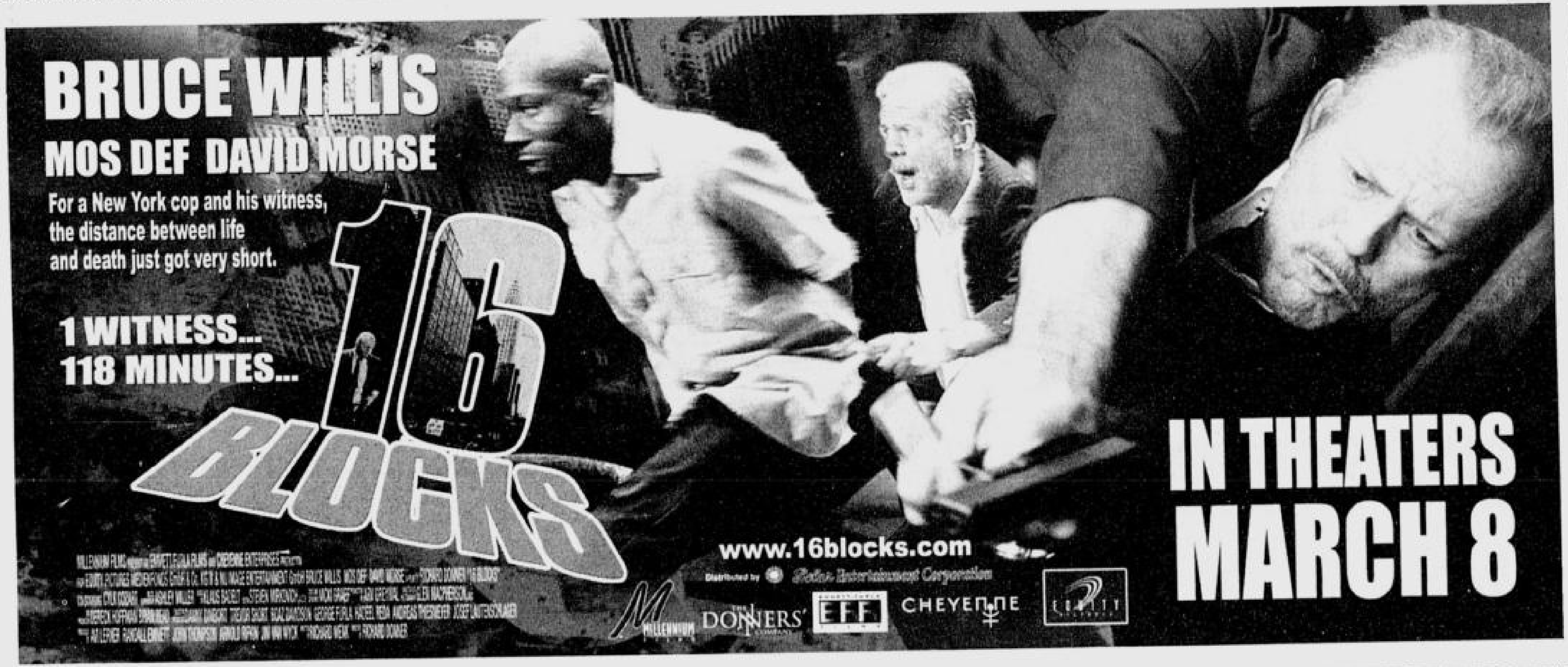

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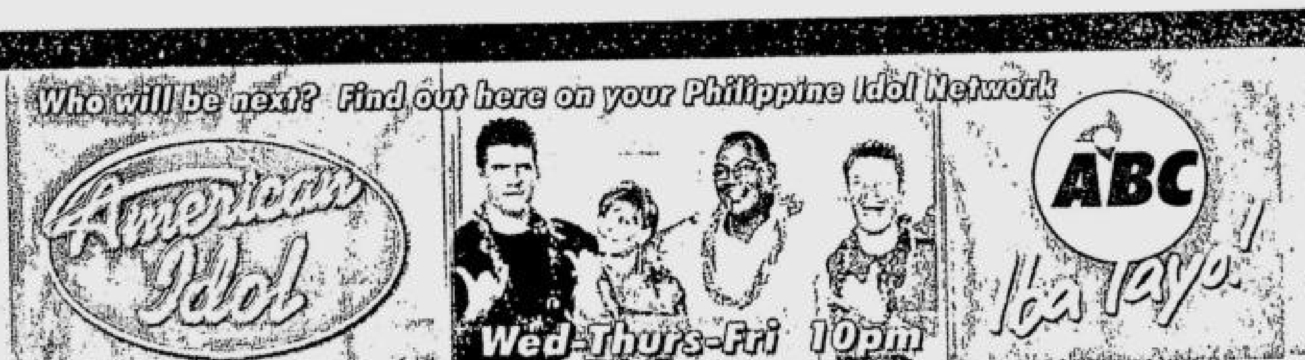

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PHILIPS Philippines CEO MED Mateo RAFFY LERMA

'No textbook approach to motivating people'

PHILIPS employees build homes in their Gawad Kalinga village.

By Margie Quimpo-Espino

MENARDO 'MED' G. MATEO was a small town boy who grew up in Orion, Bataan. Seeing rich politicians in their big, concrete houses and the fancy cars of his rich classmates left an imprint on him, he says.

He wanted these things, too.

Mateo has come a long way from the boy who used a coconut for a basketball [not being able to afford a real ball]. Today he has all the things he wished for when he was a child.

Yet what gives him most joy these days is still the simple life—getting his hands dirty with soil, counting the produce of his fruit trees or picking calamansi in his leisure farm.

Mateo is president and CEO of Philips Philippines, owned by the Netherland-based Royal Philips, one of the world's largest conglomerates.

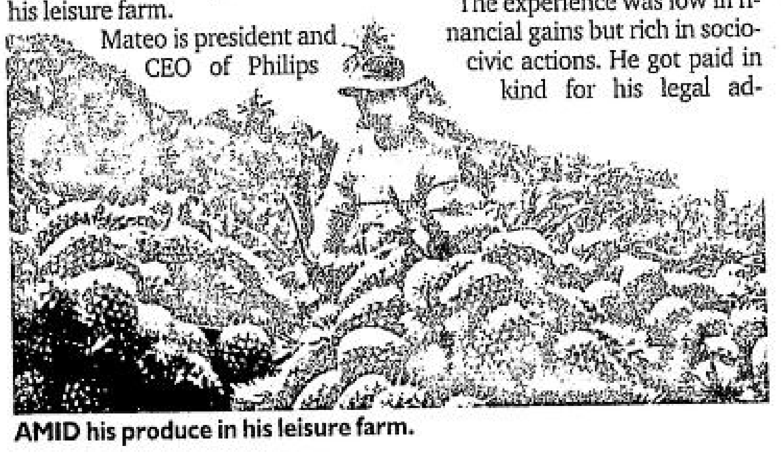
First Job

To achieve his dreams, he invested time and effort in education. He went to Manila for college and worked to augment his parents' limited finances. Mateo acted as driver to his dormitory owner. His job was to pick up midwives from the provinces who were going to Manila to review for the board exams and staying in the same dorm.

After finishing a Business Administration degree from the University of the East he pursued law. In his senior year, he worked at the Free Legal Aid office of the Department of Labor and Employment, then under Sen. Blas Ople.

The experience was low in financial gains but rich in socio-civic actions. He got paid in kind for his legal advice—vegetables and chickens.

MED with daughter Paula, wife Cristeta, son Cedrick



AMID his produce in his leisure farm.

Not content with a law degree, Mateo took up his Master's in Industrial Relations at the University of the Philippines. He was then working as a legal officer at Novelty Philippines, a garments firm and was shuttling between Bicutan where the factory was, to UP via the train.

There he met and was eventually hired by Dodi Rondain, the country human resource head of Philips then.

Rondain became his mentor. Back in 1984, Philips had three unions and his office's job was to maintain industrial peace in the organization.

In his more than 20 years with Philips, Mateo has seen the company's ups and downs. He was there when the lighting factory was closed in the early 90s. He saw the hundreds who lost their jobs.

But he also witnessed the growth of Philips' semiconductor business where employees grew from 1,800 to the current 5,800.

Sometime in the late 80s he moved to the factory floor as head of human resources and was involved in Total Quality Management (TQM).

Because of his post he was tasked to join Operation Centurion—a program aimed at reviving Philips, then suffering financial difficulties worldwide. During the financial difficulties, Philips had to cut 22 percent of its workforce.

The strategy used was "revitalization" and after two years, Philips Philippines posted a financial turn around. At the heart of this turn around was the bundling of products—packaging several Philips products in a market proposal. This proved effective and boosted the firm's bottomline.

In 1998, Mateo moved to Singapore to head the Philips Business Electronics Division. This eventually closed in 1999 and he moved to Hong Kong to take care of Philips Consumer Electronics Asia Pacific.

After 14 years of rising almost from the ranks, Mateo was made CEO of the Philippine operations in 2002. Under him today are the five businesses of Philips in the country—semiconductors, lighting, consumer electronics, medical systems, domestic appliances and communications.

"It was not my ambition to be CEO. I wanted to go into private practice but I realize managing people is the most important part of a business," he muses.

He says his years of working in industrial relations taught him about people.

"There is no textbook approach to motivating people. It's not just about making people happy. it's managing human conflicts. This is the most challenging daily."

He further adds, "You don't see them clash, but they send nonverbal currents."

This is what needs to be managed, Mateo points out. "Never promise what you cannot deliver."

Mateo says he can easily retire already but his position now affords him the ability, not only to contribute to Philips, but to help the Philippines.

He cites in particular the Gawad Kalinga involvement of Philips. Gawad Kalinga, a movement that aims to eradicate poverty in the Philippines by building houses for residents of squatter areas. Philips created a village. Initially the firm was supposed to build only 50 houses but when Mateo showed Royal Philips head Gerard Kleisterlee the village, he committed to build 50 more houses.

Philips also provides medical help to Filipinos via its equipment and lighting systems.

REY GAPUZ of RA Gapuz Nursing Review Centers, Cecilio Pedro of Lamoiyan Corp., and personal finance guru Francisco Colayco

Entrepreneur power at Go Negosyo summit

THEY WERE DAYS SUPPOSedly reserved for remembering and celebrating People Power. But last week at Bonifacio Global City, many Filipinos chose instead to herald "Entrep Power."

Close to 2,000 packed the Every Nation Hall, while 50,000 poured into the half-hectare exhibit hall of Market! Market! from Feb. 23 to 26 for the 1st Go Negosyo Summit and Expo. The event capped Year 1 of an advocacy started by businessman and presidential consultant on entrepreneurship Joey Concepcion to create more entrepreneurial Filipinos.

Organized by Concepcion's non-profit vehicle, the Philippine Center for Entrepreneurship (PCE), Go Negosyo was an event rich in contrasts. The hype began with a red carpet literally rolled out with arrival interviews for the "new superstars"—the successful, inspirational Filipino entrepreneurs whom Concepcion's advocacy wants to turn into folk heroes and role models. All day long, the catchy "Go Negosyo" song composed for the event by Louie Ocampo kept playing while entertainers Gary Valenciano and Martin Nievera both performed.

Wealthy and famous entrepreneurs in the crowd were outnumbered, however, by teachers, students and a deluge of walk-ins who attended the free event, eager for the wisdom, war stories and practical tips of over 20 entrepreneurs. Everyone ate from brown-bag lunches that were passed around and queued for the free coffee and pastries.

Later, they were united in waving clenched fists to the "Go Negosyo" battlecry to join the "Entrepreneurship Revolution."

In her keynote speech, President Macapagal-Arroyo launched a P50-million government kitty from the Land Bank of the Philippines and the Development Bank of the Philippines as an initial fund to finance, under easier terms, the most promising winners of business plan competitions endorsed by PCE. She emphasized her administration's support for entrepreneurship, reiterating those portions in her 10-point agenda to create three million new enterprises and transform two million hectares into model agribusiness farms.

Concepcion emphasized the role of school mentors and repeated his now familiar mantra of "Starting 'em young" in business. To drive home his point, he picked out a young man in the crowd, 19-year-old Jonie Bernardez from far-flung Masbate province, who, after enrolling in BS Entrepreneurship in Ateneo de Naga, was able to start three businesses of his own using the school's loan facility for students. "He has substantially repaid the almost P200,000 he borrowed. Now, he can lend money to his suppliers and pay for his own apartment. And he is only in third-year college."

The opening forum entitled "Building National Confidence and Optimism To Inspire More Successful Entrepreneurs" had media company owners joining as panelists, and they inevitably received some good-natured ribbing because of the news reports they have been carrying lately.

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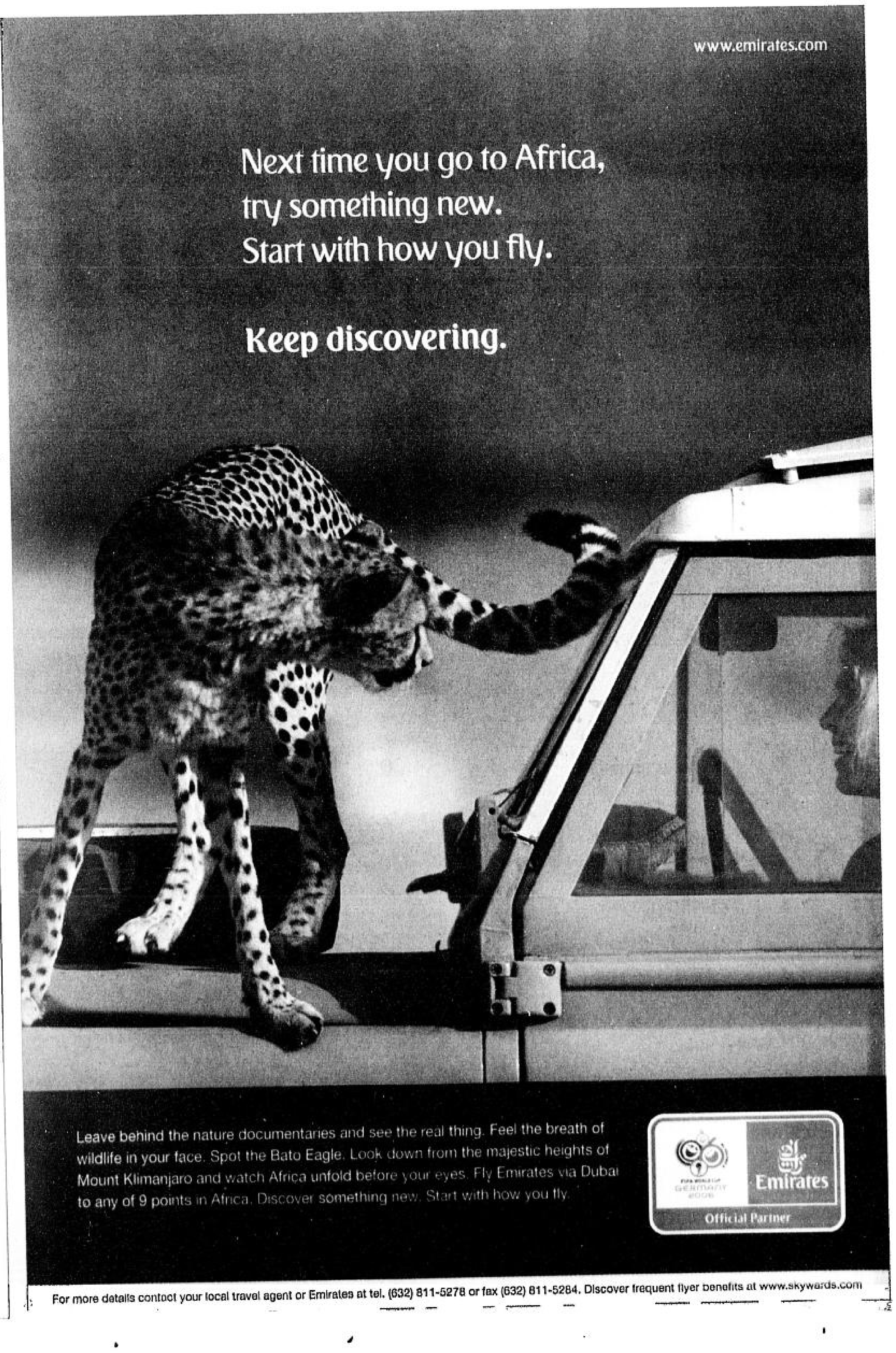

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Bangus fuels Dagupan economy

By Yolanda Sotelo-Fuertes
PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

DAGUPAN CITY—THIS COASTAL PANGASINAN city boasts of probably the tastiest bangus (milkfish) grown in its fishponds and cages that local officials have made the fish a symbol of pride through the yearly "Kalutan ed Dagupan" or bangus festival.

Bangus, the country's national fish, plays an important role in the city's economy as its production, trade and processing benefit hundreds of fishpond owners, caretakers, fish vendors and processors.

Every day, about 30 tons of bangus (milkfish) are harvested in the city's fishponds.

Records of the city agriculture office showed that almost 1,000 hectares of fishpond owned by 540 fish farmers grow bangus.

The production is complemented by 28 hectares of fish cages in the city's rivers owned by 850 businessmen.

The operators have two caretakers each, so about 2,700 people are employed by the industry, records showed.

The bangus is brought to the city's fish market where the fish is traded by wholesalers to vendors from the city and nearby towns and provinces.

Emma Molina, city agriculturist, says it is not only the Dagupan bangus that is sold in the wet market. Those produced in other Pangasinan towns like Bolinao and Binmaley are traded there.

FISHPOND workers haul in their bangus

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MARKET day in Dagupan

Molina says most Dagupan bangus are consumed locally, with only about three tons sold in other provinces.

A part of the harvest is processed deboned, marinated and smoked, made into *longganisa*, spring roll, *sisig* and others.

There are at least 50 fish processors in the city, Molina says. Each processor employs at least five "deboners" who are paid P4 to P5 for each fish they strip of bones.

The processed bangus are sold here and in other countries.

"There is no wasted part when bangus is processed. Even the bones can be processed into fish meal and the innards into bagoong (fish paste)," said Molina.

Small vendors in the markets also benefit from the bangus industry.

Bangus are relatively cheap with the fresh harvest sold from P70 to P90 a kilogram, depending on their size.

Records from the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources research center in Dagupan City showed that in 2004, the country produced 269,030.2 metric tons of the fish.

FISHERFOLK get what's left in the fishpond after the main harvest.

FRESHLY harvested bangus are loaded on bancas for delivery to the fish market in Dagupan.

Bangus used to be cultured only in ponds. The fry were gathered at the coastlines during breeding season when sabalo (mother bangus) laid their eggs.

But modern technology has resulted in greater production throughout the years.

"The yearly production has increased by an average of 8.7 percent over the past five years," Westly Rosario, chief of the BFAR Dagupan research center, says.

The BFAR has established hatcheries in the provinces to sustain milkfish fry production year round.

WORKERS debone bangus in Dagupan

Entrepreneur...

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feel-good programming," volunteered GMA Network CEO and PCE trustee Felipe Gozon. "But responsible news organizations must report everything, whether good or bad. We try to countervail or neutralize the bad with more good news." In reply to BBC host Rico Hizon's query about a tendency to sensationalize the trivial and unimportant, Gozon quipped: "Well, it's not everyday that you catch a python crawling in an urban area!"

INQUIRER director Dennis Valdes said the paper made it a point to put out some of the good news on the front page. "Sundays are our feel-good day, you will notice that even in our front-page pictures, unless something really bad happened."

Go Negosyo's Expo from the Feb. 24-26 simulated the entrepreneur's environment, something which brought together over 300 schools, NGOs, microfinance lenders, franchisors, and even venture capitalists under a single hall. Furthermore, the Expo held a unique hour-by-hour, face-to-face business mentoring session among the visitors and well-known entrepreneurs.

"Madman' Martin Nievera joined in the fray, saying "I am the only one here who probably does not own a business—but I am my own business, don't you think so?" Commenting later to an audience question for Splash Corp. CEO Rolando Hortaleza about being business partners with your spouse, Martin didn't skip a beat and said: "I'm the one who got fired."

"It was very candid and fulfilling for the 70-plus entrepreneurs who took turns in dishing out advice freely for two days. We had Johnlu Koa, Chit Juan, Roland Hortaleza, Jay Aldeguer and so many others," said Go Negosyo lead advocate Anna Marie Periquet. More than half of those mentored were students and new graduates, others were looking for a business to start up, while some had existing ventures but needed more guidance. Food, particularly in franchising, was the number one area of inquiry, Periquet said, "followed surprisingly by fashion & garments, consumer goods, and export business." She added that many also came by to inquire where they could borrow cheap capital. "That kept (Small Business Corporation CEO) Mel Alonzo busy in the mentoring booth for half a day!"

PCE is readying follow-through activities to Go Negosyo. It will go on a campus tour co-organized by the Aurelio Periquet Foundation starting in June and Concepcion is also eyeing an agribusiness-focused Go Negosyo later this year, possibly in Central Luzon. "We intend to take up our emerging leadership role in fostering entrepreneurship and opening opportunities for our countrymen," Concepcion said.

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Minimum Bid Price: 1,231,200
LOT 12 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 467sqm.
Lot 1806-E-8 Alley, Brgy. Padre Crisostomo,
Minimum Bid Price: 294,300.00

GAPAN
LOT 13 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 586+405+585+372=1948 sqm.
Lot 2, 3922, 1, 3925 Brgy. San Lorenzo Poblacion, Gapan City,
Minimum Bid Price: 6,063,000

GEN. NATIVIDAD
LOT 14 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 960sqm.
Lot 124 Brgy. Mataas Na Kahoy, Gen. Natividad,
Minimum Bid Price: 244,800.00
LOT 15 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 299.60 sqm.
Lot 3537-A-9 Brgy. Mataas Na Kahoy, Gen. Natividad,
Minimum Bid Price: 38,199.00
LOT 16 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 320.50 sqm.
Lot 3537-A-1 Brgy. Mataas Na Kahoy, Gen. Natividad,
Minimum Bid Price: 40,863.75
LOT 17 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 299.60 sqm.
Lot 3537-A-8 Brgy. Mataas Na Kahoy, Gen. Natividad,
Minimum Bid Price: 38,199.00
LOT 18 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 299.70 sqm.
Lot 3537-A-14 Brgy. Mataas Na Kahoy, Gen. Natividad,
Minimum Bid Price: 38,211.75
LOT 19 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 299.60 sqm.
Lot 3537-A-5 Brgy. Mataas Na, Kahoy, Gen. Natividad,
Minimum Bid Price: 38,199.00

GUIMBA
LOT 20 - LOT WITH MAKESHIFT IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 321sqm.
Lot 1290-BlnLP Ramos St.
Minimum Bid Price: 46,200.00
LOT 21 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 31,914sqm.
Lot No. 3782 Brgy. Kulong
Minimum Bid Price: 130,000.00

LUPAO
LOT 22 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 47,580sqm.
Lot 2100 Brgy. Sto Domingo
Minimum Bid Price: 150,000.00

MUÑOZ
LOT 23 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 783sqm.
Lot 1672-J Maharlika Hway
Minimum Bid Price: 907,000.00

PENARANDA
LOT 24 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 7,758sqm.
Lot 3588 Parulan St., San Josef
Minimum Bid Price: 701,400.00

RIZAL
LOT 25 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 300sqm.
Lot 13 Blk 2 Brgy. Estrella
Minimum Bid Price: 48,000.00
LOT 26 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 300sqm.
Lot 14 Blk 2 Brgy Estrella
Minimum Bid Price: 48,000.00
LOT 27 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 312sqm.
Lot 15 Blk 2 Brgy Estrella
Minimum Bid Price: 49,920.00
LOT 28 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 300sqm.
Lot 6 Blk 1 Brgy. Estrella
Minimum Bid Price: 48,000.00
LOT 29 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 300sqm.
Lot 5 Blk 2 Brgy. Estrella
Minimum Bid Price: 48,000.00
LOT 30 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 300sqm.
Lot 6 Blk 2 Brgy. Estrella
Minimum Bid Price: 48,000.00
LOT 31 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 300sqm.
Lot 10 Blk 2 Brgy. Estrella
Minimum Bid Price: 48,000.00
LOT 32 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 300sqm.
Lot 5 Blk 3 Brgy. Estrella
Minimum Bid Price: 48,000.00
LOT 33 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 300sqm.
Lot 8 Blk 3 Brgy. Estrella
Minimum Bid Price: 48,000.00
LOT 34 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 300sqm.
Lot 10 Blk 3 Brgy. Estrella
Minimum Bid Price: 48,000.00
LOT 35 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 300sqm.
Lot 12 Blk 3 Brgy. Estrella,
Minimum Bid Price: 48,000.00
LOT 36 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 315sqm.
Lot 18 Blk 2 Brgy. Estrella
Minimum Bid Price: 50,400.00
LOT 37 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 323sqm.
Lot 13 Blk 3 Brgy. Estrella
Minimum Bid Price: 52,000.00
LOT 38 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 292sqm.
Lot 1 Blk 3 Brgy. Estrella
Minimum Bid Price: 46,720.00
LOT 39 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 328sqm.
Lot 14 Blk 3 Brgy. Estrella
Minimum Bid Price: 52,800.00
LOT 40 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 374sqm.
Lot 17 Blk 2 Brgy. Estrella
Minimum Bid Price: 60,000.00
LOT 41 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 300sqm.
Lot 14 Blk 4 Brgy. Estrella
Minimum Bid Price: 48,000.00
LOT 42 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 471sqm.
Lot 18 Blk 4 Brgy. Estrella
Minimum Bid Price: 75,360.00
LOT 43 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 403sqm.
Lot 3 Blk 3 Brgy. Estrella
Minimum Bid Price: 64,800.00
LOT 44 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 436sqm.
Lot 15 Blk 3 Brgy. Estrella
Minimum Bid Price: 69,700.00
LOT 45 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 637sqm.
Lot 16 Blk 3 Brgy. Estrella
Minimum Bid Price: 101,920.00
LOT 46 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 300sqm.
Lot 4 Blk 2 Brgy. Estrella
Minimum Bid Price: 48,000.00
LOT 47 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 300sqm.
Lot 7 Blk 2 Brgy. Estrella
Minimum Bid Price: 48,000.00
LOT 48 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 300sqm.
Lot 3 Blk 4 Brgy. Estrella
Minimum Bid Price: 48,000.00

SAN ANTONIO
LOT 49 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 792sqm.
Lot 32 Buliran, San Antonio
Minimum Bid Price: 59,250.00

SAN JOSE
LOT 50 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 165sqm.
Lot 1635-B-1 #37 Cadhit St.
Minimum Bid Price: 470,250.00
LOT 51 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 327sqm.
F.A.: 81sqm.
Lot 15 Sitio Labol, Brgy. A Pascual
Minimum Bid Price: 227,200.00
LOT 52 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 191sqm.
Lot 8 Blk 13 Christianville Subd., Abar I
Minimum Bid Price: 326,800.00

STA. ROSA
LOT 53 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 9,816sqm.
Lot 27 Sitio Pagasa, Brgy., Mapalad
Minimum Bid Price: 837,000.00
LOT 54 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 2,500sqm.
Lot 2727-C-2-A Brgy. Mapalad
Minimum Bid Price: 255,000.00

STO. DOMINGO
LOT 55 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 979+3120=4099 sqm.
F.A.: 280sqm.
Lots 2236-C & 2234 Brgy. Malasin
Minimum Bid Price: 2,083,250.00
LOT 56 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 612sqm.
Lot 11 Malasin, Sto. Domingo
Minimum Bid Price: 364,140.00
LOT 57 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 646sqm.
Lot 12 Malasin, Sto. Domingo,
Minimum Bid Price: 384,370.00
LOT 58 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 678sqm.
Lot 13 Malasin, Sto. Domingo,
Minimum Bid Price: 403,410.00
LOT 59 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 710sqm.
Lot 14 Malasin, Sto. Domingo,
Minimum Bid Price: 422,450.00
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L.A.: 752sqm.
Lot 15 Malasin, Sto. Domingo,
Minimum Bid Price: 447,440.00
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L.A.: 6077+10057=16134 sqm.
Lot 2160 & Lot 2159 Brgy., Malasin, Sto. Domingo,
Minimum Bid Price: 469,800.00
LOT 62 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 1,080sqm.
Lot 21 Brgy., Malasin,
Minimum Bid Price: 128,250.00
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L.A.: 1,143sqm.
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L.A.: 1,269sqm.
Lot 24 Brgy., Malasin,
Minimum Bid Price: 150,693.75
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L.A.: 1,332sqm.
Lot 25 Brgy., Malasin,
Minimum Bid Price: 158,175.00
LOT 67 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 1,397sqm.
Lot 26 Brgy., Malasin,
Minimum Bid Price: 165,893.75
LOT 68 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 1,458sqm.
Lot 27 Brgy., Malasin,
Minimum Bid Price: 173,256.25
LOT 69 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 792sqm.
Lot 1 Malasin, Sto. Domingo,
Minimum Bid Price: 526,680.00
LOT 70 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 475sqm.
Lot 2 Malasin, Sto. Domingo,
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Lot 3 Malasin, Sto. Domingo,
Minimum Bid Price: 92,030.00
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L.A.: 379sqm.
Lot 4 Malasin, Sto. Domingo,
Minimum Bid Price: 100,814.00
LOT 73 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 412sqm.
Lot 5 Malasin, Sto. Domingo,
Minimum Bid Price: 109,592.00
LOT 74 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 445sqm.
Lot 6 Malasin, Sto. Domingo,
Minimum Bid Price: 118,370.00
LOT 75 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 479sqm.
Lot 7 Malasin, Sto. Domingo,
Minimum Bid Price: 127,414.00
LOT 76 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 512sqm.
Lot 8 Malasin, Sto. Domingo,
Minimum Bid Price: 136,192.00
LOT 77 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 545sqm.
Lot 9 Malasin, Sto. Domingo,
Minimum Bid Price: 144,970.00
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L.A.: 578sqm.
Lot 10 Malasin, Sto. Domingo,
Minimum Bid Price: 153,748.00

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LOT 79 - LOT & IMPROVEMENT
L.A.: 1,210sqm.
Lot 2053-B-1 #457 Purok 4, Brgy. Callapahan
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L.A.: 12,211.50 sqm.
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LOT 81 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 44,240sqm.
Lot 2279 Brgy. Alvin, Talugtug,
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LOT 82 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 181sqm.
Lot 5150-E Brgy. Taliptip
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BUSTOS
LOT 83 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 629+91+500 sqm.
Lot 6-A-3, Lot 3, Lot 2 Camachilihan,
Minimum Bid Price: 441,150.00

CALUMPIT
LOT 84 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 233sqm.
Lot 20 Blk 8 Casia Biflora Dr. Green Plains Subd. San Marcos
Minimum Bid Price: 594,150.00
LOT 85 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 200sqm.
Lot 14 Blk 8 Eucalyptus Dr., Green Plains.. San Marcos
Minimum Bid Price: 640,000.00

GUIGUINTO
LOT 86 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 337sqm.
Lot 2 Ruby St., Rosaryville II
Minimum Bid Price: 480,700.00

MEYCAUAYAN
LOT 87 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 50sqm.
Lot 15 Blk 6 Emcco Subd. Brgy., Pandayan
Minimum Bid Price: 148,750.00
LOT 88 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 50sqm.
Lot 16 Blk 6 Emcco Subd. Brgy. Pandayan,
Minimum Bid Price: 148,750.00
LOT 89 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 50sqm.
Lot 17 Blk 6 Emcco Subd. Brgy. Pandayan
Minimum Bid Price: 148,750.00
LOT 90 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 50sqm.
Lot 18 Blk 6 Emcco Subd. Brgy. Pandayan
Minimum Bid Price: 148,750.00
LOT 91 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 2,177 sqm.
Lot 4085-A-2,4085-B-4,5830-A,2, #100 San Pedro St., Brgy. Tugatog
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PLARIDEL
LOT 92 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 252sqm.
Lot 11 Blk 7 Dona Crispina Homes, Agnaya
Minimum Bid Price: 257,040.00
LOT 93 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 252sqm.
Lot 22 Blk 7 Dona Crispina Homes, Agnaya
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LOT 94 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 264sqm.
Lot 23 Blk 6 Dona Crispina Homes, Agnaya
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L.A.: 264sqm.
Lot 25 Blk 6 Dona Crispina Homes, Agnaya
Minimum Bid Price: 269,280.00
LOT 96 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 264sqm.
Lot 27 Blk 6 Dona Crispina Homes, Agnaya
Minimum Bid Price: 269,280.00
LOT 97 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 264sqm.
Lot 29 Blk 6 Dona Crispina Homes, Agnaya
Minimum Bid Price: 269,280.00
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L.A.: 264sqm.
Lot 31 Blk 6 Dona Crispina Homes, Agnaya
Minimum Bid Price: 269,280.00
LOT 99 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 264sqm.
Lot 33 Blk 6 Dona Crispina Homes, Agnaya
Minimum Bid Price: 269,280.00
LOT 100 - VACANT LOT
L.A.: 264sqm.
Lot 35 Blk 6 Dona Crispina Homes, Agnaya
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L.A.: 264sqm.
Lot 41 Blk 6 Dona Crispina Homes, Agnaya
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SAN ILDEFONSO
LOT 102 - VACANT LOT
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Lot 3206 Villacorta St., Poblacion
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Sloppy Joe's in Butuan, anyone?

MARCOS S. Calo III gave up a comfortable post in LA to put up a business in Butuan.

BUTUAN'S IDYLLIC CITY HAS NOT been synonymous with a culinary haven. Best known for historical connections such as the Balangay (Butuan boat), Golden Tara (artifact) and the Agusan River (longest river in Mindanao), dining has not been its prominent feature.

However, it was in the midst of Butuan's surroundings that former IT consultant Macky Calo found inspiration for Margie's Coffee Shop.

The café cum dessert, snack and bake shop opened last December.

For Marcos S. Calo III, the decision to open the café was one born out of love. It certainly is a far cry from his previous life.

As an IT strategy consultant formerly based in Los Angeles, Macky was at the head of the corporate rat race, which found him working side by side with VPs and CEOs of various companies. However, after a decade of grueling work hours took its toll, Macky found the need for something more challenging and exciting.

Serendipity brought Macky back home to Butuan. A twist of fate had put a project on hold, so he took a leave of absence and headed home to spend time with his sick father. It also afforded him the opportunity to reevaluate his future. When his father passed away four months later, Macky realized he was at an important crossroad in his life.

"I realized how short life is and put some urgency to my plans. I had to decide right then and there… and my gut feel was telling me to open a coffee shop."

For the past twenty years, Macky's mom, Margie Villarica Calo had operated a bakeshop, which supported the family. Believing in her products, Macky wanted to expand her business by providing a place where customers can enjoy her cakes and pastries with a cup of cappuccino.

Inspiration sprang from his frequent travels abroad. His work as a consultant meant that he was constantly on the road. The past decade saw him uprooting himself to Minneapolis, Chicago, Atlanta, Dublin and Bangkok. "When you travel, especially when it is work-related, the coffee shop becomes your second home. Some of the coffee shops I have seen really blew my mind. They were very creative and just gave me the spark of inspiration to open one I can call my own."

Margie's menu reflects Macky's international experience—Pork Tenderloin Bulgogi, Naked Chili Dog, his version of Sloppy Joe, with a humongous sausage piled on two French bread slices, generously laden with chili con carne and topped with mozzarella cheese.

Even their pasta sauces run the gamut from familiar ones such as Puttanesca and Pesto to innovative variations on local flavors such as the Black Olives and Tuyo Sauce or the Pasta with Aligue Sauce.

Macky admits his menu is all about flavor and taste. It is not "froufrou" but does reflect his personality—diners can expect it to show his funny and playful side.

"I am a backpacker. I'm the type of person you would see at the hawker center in Kuala Lumpur or the dude who gets desserts from a crepe vendor in Paris."

Margie's is the only place where one can enjoy a Churros con Chocolate side by side with their original Pinoy Mocha, a concoction of local chocolate and carabao's milk.

The "sweet tooth" category is also something Macky extols about, since it is backed up by over twenty years of baking and dessert making.

Their customized coffee blend should not be overlooked—a combination of top quality Arabica and Robusta beans; one which Macky is extremely confident of, having formulated for days the taste together with his supplier. The final cup is an aromatic sip with maximum coffee taste and minimum bitter after-taste. Together with this, he offers a selection of various black, green and white tea variants. Prices reasonably range from P70 to P130 for coffee and desserts while snacks are priced at P40 to P120.

In a city far from the hustle and bustle of cosmopolitan centers, Marcos Calo III has carved a niche for himself, this time in the heart of a city close to his soul.

Campaign for sustainable world

THE SUCCESS OF SUSTAINABLE DESIGN IS A big responsibility placed on the hands of developers, architects and interior designers. These professionals are faced everyday with a renewed challenged to counterbalance the damaging human lifestyle and start creating a world of sustainability through their expertise. To generate consciousness and engender a sense of responsibility among those in the industry, Metrobank Foundation teamed up with real estate giant Federal Land in organizing a competition that challenges local interior designers to take a big step toward sustainable design.

The Metrobank Art and Design Excellence (MADE) is an annual national contest organized by the Metrobank foundation that highlights a new generation of gifted artists in the fields of painting, sculpture architecture and interior design. Formerly known as the Young Painters' Annual, its name was recently changed to MADE after the foundation partnered with the United Architects of the Philippines and the Philippine Institute of Interior Designers to recognize those who excel in these two fields and launch them to national prominence.

For 2006, the foundation decided to focus on sustainable design as the theme for the interior design category—with a vision that it would fuel a shared sense of conviction for an all-out effort in rescuing our environment.

"Sustainable design is a compelling notion that raises environmental awareness and guides all of us to responsibly perpetuate nature even in our consumption. By fulfilling our obligation to recognize the most distant consequences of our lifestyle and directing our ethics and actions toward shaping a sustainable future, further degradation of the earth could be prevented and the harmonious balance between man and his environment could be restored" Federal Land President Alfred Ty said.

Federal Land has been in the property business for 33 years with more than 30 remarkable projects credited to its name. Its strict adherence to architectural and design excellence has earned the company the trust of its clients and the respect of those in the real estate industry.

MADE Participants for the interior design category will be required to make a design for a conceptual tri-level housing using indigenous materials with biodegradable, anti-toxic and fire resistive qualities. Metrobank Foundation and Federal Land are currently doing an information campaign for the competition and would start receiving entries from April to May 2006.

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LAS PINAS – Talon Dos | MIN BID
2 2 Sty Thse/ # 475 C,North 11 St, Angela Vill, Brgy Talon 2 LA 68/FA 101 (access via Happy Ville) 1,400,000

ANTIPOLO, RIZAL (Lots) | MIN BID
3 L 20 B 17, Jerusalem St Ph 5 Brgy Uulan/LA 120 (via Tikling Junction & Melendres Subd) 299,000
4 L 23 B 10, Cottonwood Hts Bayugo / LA 266 (nr Sumulong) 1,332,000
5 L 21 B 2, Birchwood St, Cottonwood Hts, Bayugo / LA 355 1,778,000
6 Lot 47 Blk 18,Park Ridge Est Ph 3 (via Valley Golf) LA 811 1,852,000
7 L 17 B 1, Beverly St, Sta Barbara 1,Mission Hills,Colaique/LA 1,021 (nr Pines City) 3,692,000
8. H&L, L-7 B-3, Valley Golf Dr. Valley Golf Subd , Mayamot LA 1,961 / FA 107 (nr Ortigas Extn) 4,500,000

ANGONO, Rzl. (via Antipolo) | MIN BID
9 Lot / L 6 B 2, Mills St, Sta Monica Classic Est,Ph 3,Mission Hills Brgy Colaique/LA 540 (nr Pines City) 1,700,000

QUEZON CITY | MIN BID
10. H&L/# 269 M Aquino St Banlat Rd,T Sora LA 120 / FA 191 (near NPC / NIA Subdivision) 1,350,000

BULACAN - MALOLOS | MIN BID
11. H&L / Lot 2 & 3 Blk 17,Desta Ave cor 1st St, Desta Hms Brgy Atlag LA 515 / FA 293 (near Sto Cristo Diversion Rd) 2,428,000

BULACAN – Plaridel | MIN BID
Brgy. Lalangan - Plaridel Heights
12 Cor Lot / L 2 B 47, LA 355 1,243,000
13 Cor. Lot / L 13 B 7, LA 404 1,414,000
14 Cor Lot / L 2 B 38, LA 411 1,439,000
15 Lot / Lot 25 Blk 8, LA 350 1,155,000

MUNTINLUPA – Alabang | MIN BID
San Jose Vill. (infront of Alabang Town Cntr)
16 Lot / Lot 264 (Pcs 4946), St Joseph St / LA 526 * w/ Court Decision in favor of Unionbank 4,000,000

TAGAYTAY CITY | MIN BID
between Sta Rosa, Lag Short-cut & Aguinaldo H-way
17. Lot/Lot 8, Tagaytay Calamba Rd Tolentino West (over looking Taal Lake) LA 2,156 *w/ Lis Pendens 20,000,000

VALENZUELA – Nr Malinta Exit | MIN BID
18 Lot / Lot 551 A 2 A 3, Pineda Compd, Bonifacio St / LA 1,114 2,241,000
19. 3 Sty Bldg/ Lot 894 A 3, Mariano Laurel Drive Paso De Blas LA 463/FA 809 (nr Fortune Vill 4) 4,300,000

MAKATI CITY | MIN BID
Kingswood Twr - P. Tamo corner V. Cruz
20 Condo / Unit P2F, Tower B 28th & 29th flrs / FA 154 7,208,000
21. Condo / Unit P3F,Tower B 26th & 27th flrs / FA - 154 7,208,000

CALOOCAN – Gracepark | MIN BID
22 Lot / L 25 & 26 B 31, 2nd St LA 388 (between 3rd & 4th Ave) 3,428,000

NUEVA ECIJA - Cab. City | MIN BID
529 Pag Asa, Daan Sarili (near LTO)
23 Lot / Lot 3 A 5 / LA 1,847 401,000
24 Lot / Lot 3 A 4 / LA 1,847 401,000
25 Lot / Lot 3 A 3 / LA 1,848 401,000
26 Lot / Lot 3 A 2 / LA 1,848 401,000
27 Lot / Lot 3 A 1 / LA 1,839 401,000

SAN MATEO,RIZAL-Bo.Patlis | MIN BID
28 *Lot / B 15, LA 40,171 2,040,000
29 *Lot / B 16, LA 40,171 2,040,000
30. *Lot / B 17, LA 40,171 2,040,000
31. *Lot / B 18, LA 40,171 2,040,000
* No Right Of Way

CAVITE – Carmona (Lot) | MIN BID
32 L 28 B 4, Ph 1, St Andrew St Mla Southwoods,Cabilang Baybay LA 450 (nr Gate 1) * w/ Court Decision in favor of Unionbank 3,005,000

CAVITE- Brgy. Palangue, Naic | MIN BID
Mango Orchard Res'l. & Farm Estates
33 Lot 6 Blk 19A / LA 1,249 1,249,000
34 Lot 5 Blk 19B / LA 3,052 3,052,000
35 Lot 8 Blk 19B / LA 1,890 1,890,000
36 Lot 9 Blk 19B / LA 2,247 2,585,000
37 Lot 1 Blk 24 / LA 1,624 1,868,000

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FAIRWAY LOTS
38 Lot 46 Blk 50 / LA 630 2,394,000
39 Lot 49 Blk 50 / LA 582 2,212,000
40 Lot 50 Blk 50 / LA 627 2,383,000
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42 Lot 06 Blk 45 / LA 1,085 3,255,000
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45. Lot / Lot 15 Blk 1 / LA 106 250,000

LAGUNA – Sta. Rosa | MIN BID
46 Lot/Lot 18 Blk 3 Albright cor Baylor Sts, Golden Meadows Exec Vill Brgy Sinalhan / LA 140 (nr Morales & Pavilion Malls) 453,000

TARLAC CITY | MIN BID
47. 2 Sty H&L / L 7 B 18, Family Park Homes, Brgy Cut-Cut II San Miguel / LA 62 / FA 40 255,000
48. Lot / Lot 3871 D, Sapang Maragul,Tibag /LA 10,001-nr Arch 2,652,000

MALABON- Brgy. Dampalit | MIN BID
North Merville Park I Subd (*w/ occupants)
49. *L 1 B 14, J Cancio St/LA 186 110,000
50. *Lot 19 Blk 13A / LA 168 130,000

MALABON – Hulong Duhat | MIN BID
8 Don Basilio Bautista Blvd.
(nr Mal. High Schl / Resi-Comml Lot)
51. Lot 1 B 2 B / LA 194 1,754,000

CAVITE - Molino III, Bacoor | MIN BID
Central Phase 2, Springville Subd. (Lots)
52. L 2 B 1, near ClubHse / LA 96 677,000
53. L 2 B 2, near ClubHse /LA 108 762,000
54. L 3 B 2, near ClubHse / LA 97 684,000
55 L 8 B 3, near ClubHse / LA 142 1,002,000
56. L 24 B 7,MB Villar Ave /LA 120 974,000
Madelaine Place, Springville Subd.
57. Lot / Lot 8 Blk 1 / LA 117 582,000
58. Lot / Lot 6 Blk 4 / LA 120 596,000
59. Lot / Lot 10 Blk 3 / LA 123 611,000
60 Lot / Lot 18 Blk 6 / LA 132 656,000
61 Lot / Lot 19 Blk 7 / LA 132 656,000
Washington Manor, Springville Subd.
62. Lot / Lot 16 Blk 2 / LA 145 961,000
63 Lot / Lot 2 Blk 2 / LA 154 1,020,000
64. Lot / Lot 18 Blk 2 / LA 162 1,073,000

COMMERCIAL / AGR.
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MAKATI CITY | MIN BID
Pio Del Pilar, near South Super Hi-way & EDSA
65. *Lot/L1,Evangelista St/LA 150 5,775,000
66 *Lot/L2,Evangelista St/LA 150 5,925,000
67. *Lot/L3,Evangelista St/LA 150 6,075,000
68 *Lot / L4,Evangelista St corner Arguelles St / LA 171 7,268,000
* w/ approved subd plan, TCT under UBP in process
Bangkal, near South Super Hi-way & EDSA
69 * L-12 B-5 / Bldg A, 4 Levels Evangelista cor Hen Malvar Sts. / LA 229 / FA 751 19,128,000
70. * L-11 B-5 / Bldg B, 4 Levels Evangelista near corner Hen. Malvar Sts. / LA 233 / FA 751 19,277,000
* adjusment on TCT's tech description in process
Milenium Plaza- Mkti. Ave cor Eduque St
71. Condo Unit / 5/F, FA 261 (near former International Schl) 17,765,000

MANILA – Divisoria (KP Twr.) | MIN BID
72 Condo, 2/F, CM Recto Ave cor Juan Luna St / FA 658 *on Lease 28,792,000

QUEZON CITY | MIN BID
73 Building / Lots 8 & 9 Blk S 27 Timog Ave LA 1,380 FA 1,500 (nr Unionbank Br & GMA-7) *on Lease 70,000,000
74 Whouse / 185 Roosevelt Ave S F Del Monte / LA 5,641 FA 3,454 (infront of Watch Twr) 140,000,000
75 Warehouse / # 138 Gen Luis cor Pasacola Rd, Nagkaisang Nayon, Novaliches LA 49,504 / FA 23,384 300,000,000

VALENZUELA CITY | MIN BID
76 Whse / Lot 13 Templanza St D Pedro Vill, Marulas LA 2,540 FA 3,314 (near Savory Rest) 18,209,000
77. Indl Lot w/ 2 Whses (14&16) Barracks, Canteen,Guardhse Lot 1075 D 1 C, Plastic City 6 T. Santiago St, Canumay-West LA 9,923 / FA 7,096 39,703,000
78 Indl Lot w/ Whse / # 47 Maysan Rd / LA 7,871 / FA 7,040 (near Maysan Elem School) 40,702,000
79 Industrial Lot / Lot 382 C Plastic City Housing,Canumay LA 25,798 / (Via T. Santiago St & Pinagbayanan St) 45,000,000

TARLAC CITY – Poblacion | MIN BID
80 Lot / Lot 4C, Rizal St / LA 759 8,094,000
81. Lot / Lot 4A, Panganiban St. LA 1,120 (infront of iceplant) 11,943,000

CAVITE - Tanza, Bo. Tres Cruces | MIN BID
nr Transville Subd, via Trece Martires
82 Agri Lot / Lot-2931 (Rs-1273) LA 40,127 * w/ Adverse Claim & No Right Of Way 5,117,000

NUEVA ECIJA - Cab. City | MIN BID
529 Pag-Asa, Daan Sarili (near L.T.O.)
83 Agri Lot / Lot 3B / LA 37,041 2,366,000
84 Comml Lot w/ Whse & Offc Lot 2H / LA 2,260 / FA 580 5,098,000

SARIAYA - QUEZON PROV. | MIN BID
85 Agri Lot w/ resl H&L, Whse & Piggery/Lot 6181 A 5 A 1 A 1 D, E,F,G,I & Lot 6181 A 4,Psd 4A 001202, Bo Sampaloc/ LA 101,038, FA 9,277 (along the Hi-way) * with Lis Pendens 45,053,000

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I have fought the good fight,
I have finished the race, I have kept the faith
(2 Timothy 4)

RAFAELA CUYEGKENG DY BUNCIO

Pecefully joined our Heavenly Father
on March 3, 2006 at the age of 78.

Her loving husband **Eduardo** (†); children: **Tommy**, **Evelyn** and **Paul**, **Ginny** and **Eddie**, **Ricky** and **Joyce**; grandchildren **Paolo** and **Carlo**, **Joanne**, **Monica**, **Francis** and **Mia**, request for your prayers for the eternal repose of her soul.

Her cremated remains lie in state at the Santuario de San Jose Parish, Greenhills East, Mandaluyong City.

Mass of the Resurrection will be on Tuesday, March 7, 2006, 10:00 a.m. and interment immediately follows at the crypt of the Santuario de San Antonio Parish, Forbes Park, Makati City.

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Message of Thanks

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who peacefully joined his Creator on February 4, 2006 at the age of 87 in Batangas City.

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Her services as a Missionary Benedictine Sister were mainly rendered in two Pampanga stations – San Fernando and Angeles.

The Sisters, her sister Lourdes Hamoy and relatives request the pious readers to pray for her.

Her remains lie in state at St. Scholastica's Chapel, Manila.

Interment will be at the Manila Memorial Park, Sucat, Parañaque on March 6, 2006, Monday, after the 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass.

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Judge Jaime Ricafrente Alegre

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His loving wife **Fe**; children **Natalio & Emelda**, **Maria Luisa** (†), **Jaime Jr. & Janet**, **Susan Fe & Matthew**, **Maria Liza & James**, **Marie Jean & Dave**, **Jaime III & Marilyn**, **Joseph Stanley** and **Aries**; grandchildren **Jan Carlo**, **James Cedric**, **Andrea**, **Jan Catherine**, **Jaime Vicente**, **Jamie Isabel**, **James Daniel**, **James David**, **Allyson Faye**, **Bethany**, **James Patrick**, **Kaitleen Rose**, **Susan Irish**.

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Teduray women find something to do

By Edwin O. Fernandez
PDI Mindanao Bureau

SANIAG, AMPATUAN, MAGUINDANAO —Teduray women here used to spend the day doing practically nothing.

Although they sometimes wander around thinking of what to do, they always end the day without having done much.

But that changed a lot since they formed the Umfongay de Libon Tagna Tao d'be Saniag g'ne (Ultas) or Organization of Lumad Women in Saniag.

Ultas was provided funds by the Philippine Business for Social Progress (PBSP) through the Kadtuntaya Foundation.

WITH THE formation of the Organization of Luman Women in Saniag, life has never been the same for these women.

Food-for-work

Through the grant, Ultas started a food-for-work project here and today, provides additional monthly income of over P800 to the beneficiary-families and helped strengthened their organization.

Sally Bansigan, Ultas president, said that in three months, 17 of her members, who worked in the one-hectare communal garden, got a share of P2,537 each from the proceeds of the vegetables they planted.

Currently, Ultas has 62 members.

Bansigan said they discussed various project proposals but gardening was the perfect choice because the area has an existing water system project.

The water system was a project of the Saniag Teduray, Manobo Ancestral Domain Claimant Organization (Stemadco), which is composed of male members of the Teduray and Manobo community here.

Bansigan said she was confident that next season, her group would earn more from gardening.

Organized, systematic, united

She said aside from earning additional income, the gardening project also helped strengthen the unity and cooperation of their members.

"The nature of the project has forced us to be organized, systematic and united," she said.

She cited that during land preparation, "all of the beneficiaries and some of their family members helped."

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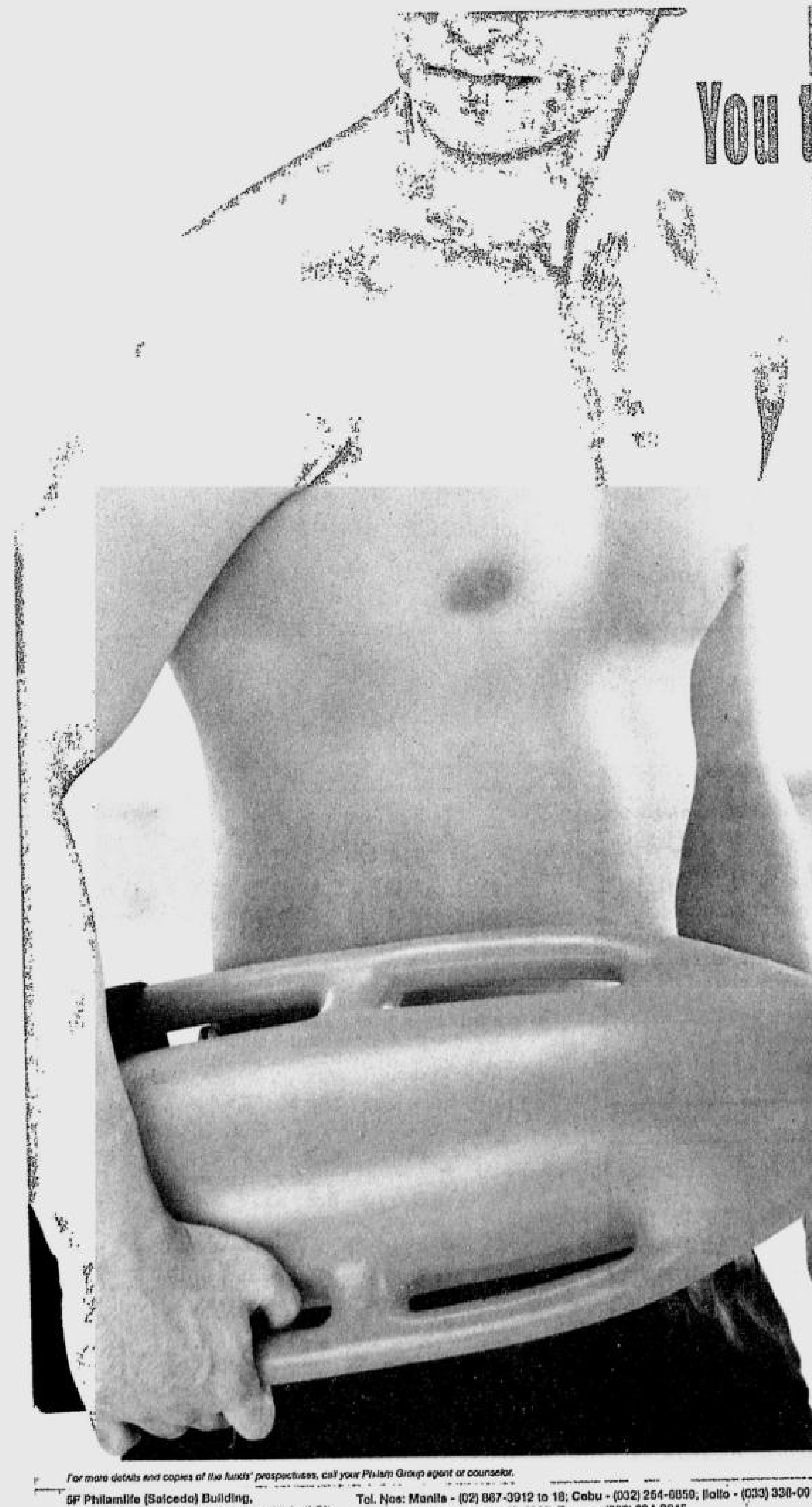

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The land time has nearly forgotten

A PEEK into the monks' quarters

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From the ashes of the Indochinese war, Laos stirs back charmingly

Text and photos by Patrick Larraga
Contributor

SMALL, ENIGMATIC LAOS, next-door neighbor to popular Thailand, is only just beginning to open its doors to the throngs of tourists spilling over from its southern neighbor.

The major entry point to the country is the capital Vientiane, easily accessed from the northeastern Thai town of Nong Khai. Vientiane is also the first night stop for tourists on a three-stop northern Laos circuit that takes one from the capital city to scenic Van Viang and finally to the old town of Luang Phabang.

Vientiane boasts a smattering of Buddhist temples, including the gold-painted Phra That Luang, considered the most important national monument, and the decaying and incredibly atmospheric Wat Sisaket, built in 1818 and now home to over 2,000 Buddha images.

As in most cities of the former French Indochina, Vientiane boasts some beautiful examples of colonial architecture, some lovingly restored and some in various stages of romantic decrepitude. Most tourists, as we did, rush through Vientiane, but the city will linger in my memory for an afternoon visit to Wat Sisaket, its main chapel resplendent in the dying light, and quite unexpectedly, one of the best phad thais ever, eaten hurriedly and at a small hole in the wall.

Van Viang

Midway between Vientiane and Luang Prabang is Van Viang, once a small sleepy pit stop but now a popular destination for backpackers. Despite the ominous presence of a cement factory a few kilometers from town, Van Viang has kept much of its natural beauty, enough at least to detain tourists for a couple of days.

With its river and dramatic backdrop of soaring karst mountains, Van Viang is reminiscent of the sitio of Cabayugan in Palawan, just outside the World Heritage-listed St. Paul Underground River National Park, less well known, but equally scenic.

In both places, dramatic rock mountains rise up to the clouds from verdant rice fields, evoking mist-clad Chinese landscapes. We stayed in thre adbare *sawali* huts that could barely keep out the cold but the sight of the early morning mist rising above the jagged peaks and the strong sweet mountain coffee more than made up for the very basic accommodations.

Van Viang is on the verge of a tourist boom and the rice paddies on both sides of the river are giving way to resorts and concrete hotels while a smaller version of Bangkok's Thanon Khao San is fast emerging along the town's main street. Here, travellers chill out with a Beer Lao in restaurants and bars after a day of caving and river-rafting or kayaking.

It was also here where I had my first delicious encounter with *khao chi fa lang*, the French baguette reincarnated as a mouthwatering sandwich of green papaya strips, pork floss, eggs, mayonnaise, cucumbers and chili sauce.

An eight-hour nausea-inducing ride from Van Viang is Phonsavan, the capital of Xieng Khouang province. Brown and dusty Phonsavan is a city struggling to rebuild itself from the relentless pounding of American bombs dropped upon it during the Vietnam War. The empty metal shells of these bombs are ubiquitous, propped up against walls or fences, as a curious form of decor.

The Plain of Jars or Tung Hai Hin, is the major attraction for miles around Phonsavan. It consists of three separate sites with hundreds of sandstone jars, believed to be ancient funerary urns as evidenced by the human bones found in some of the jars, estimated by a French archeologist to have been made around 300 BC.

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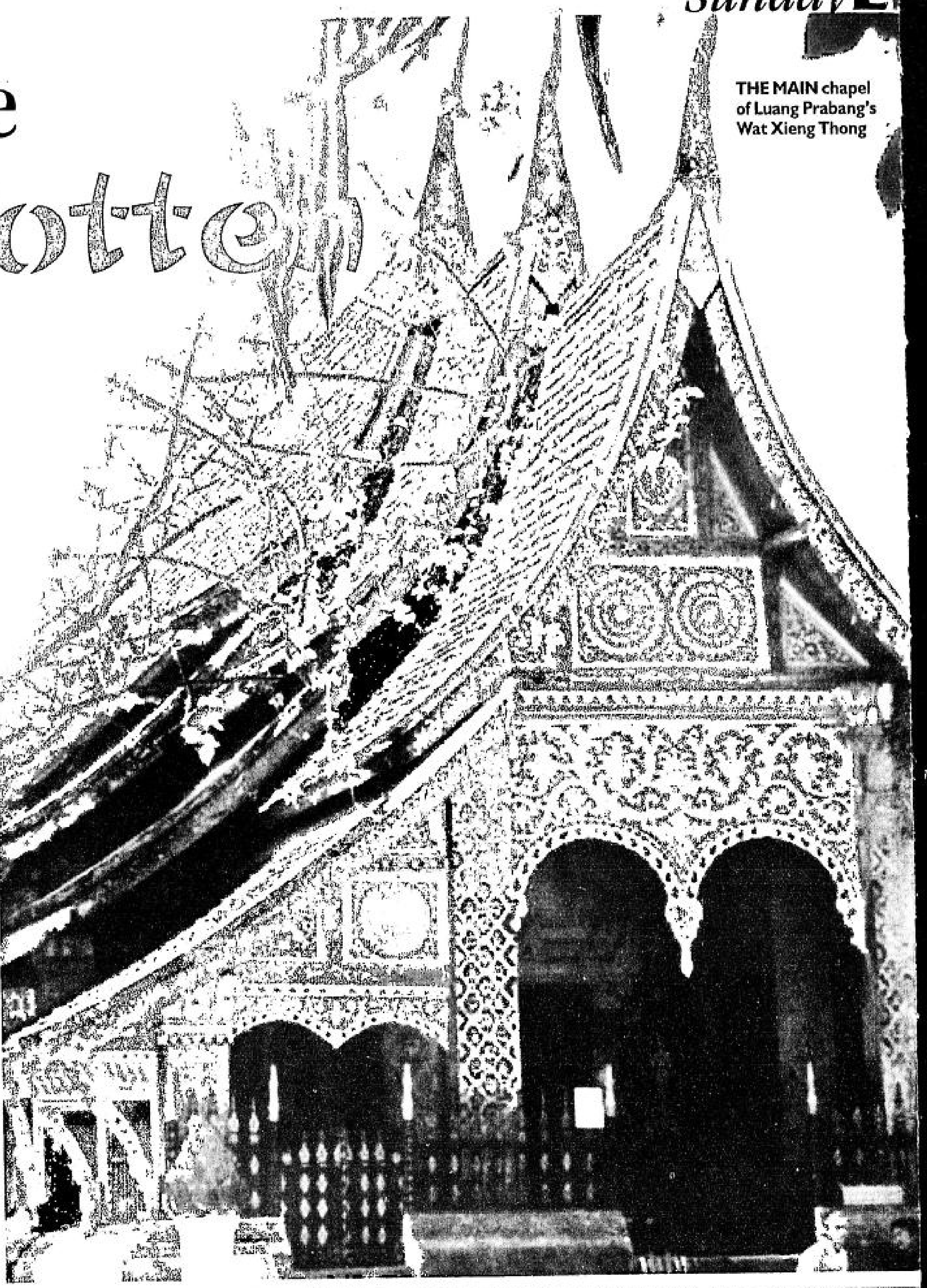

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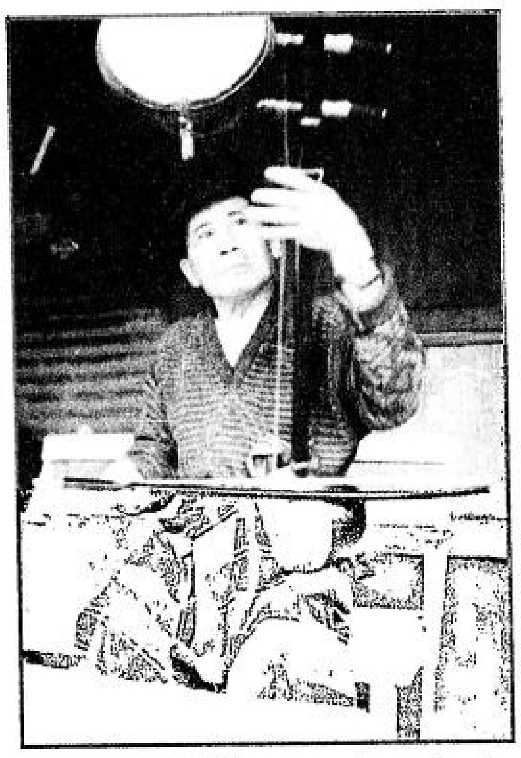

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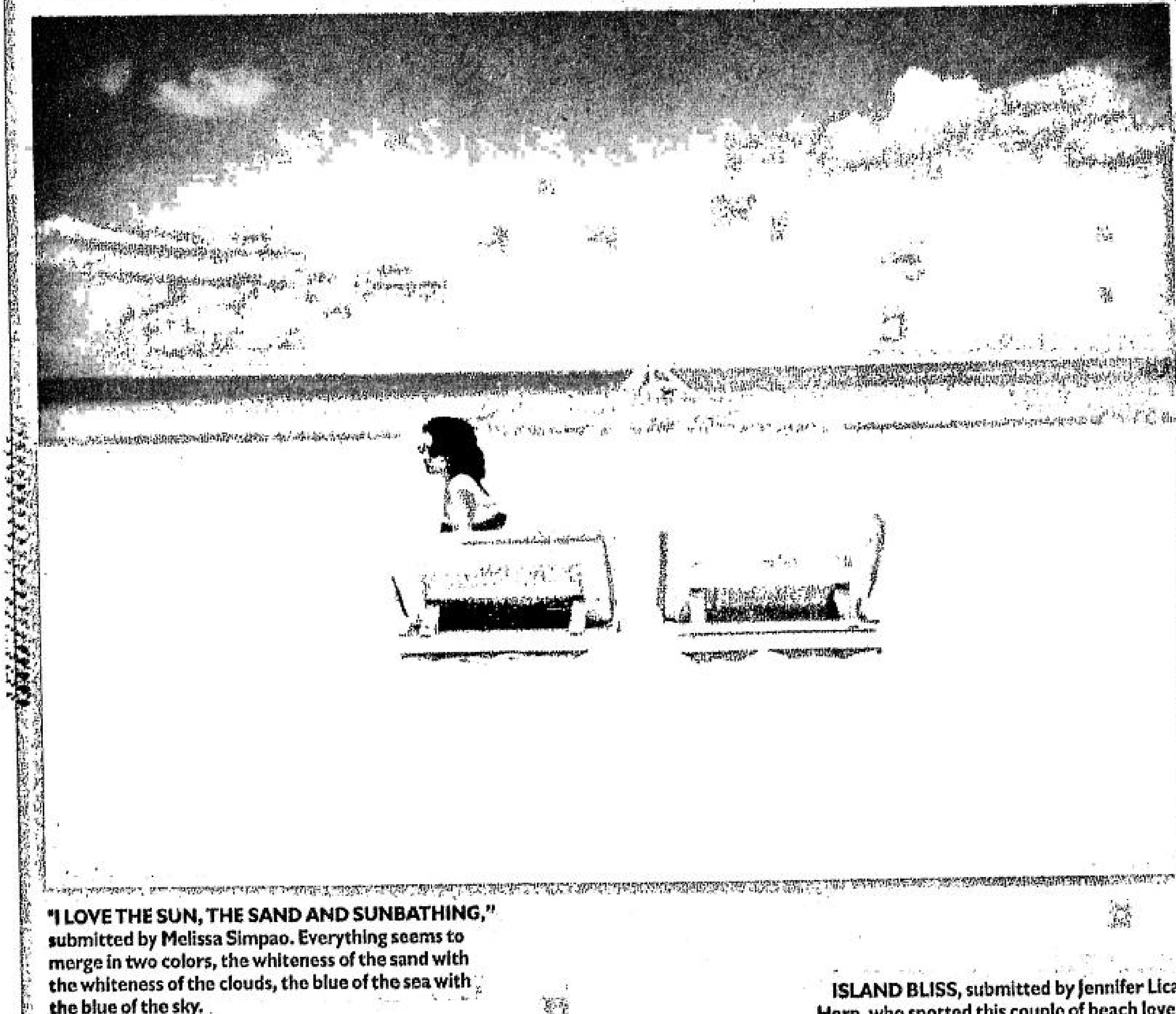

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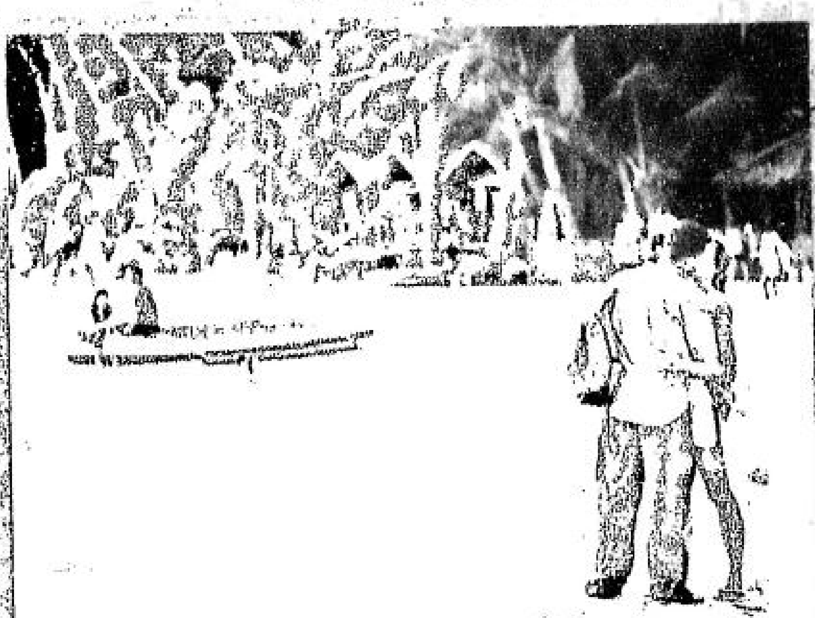

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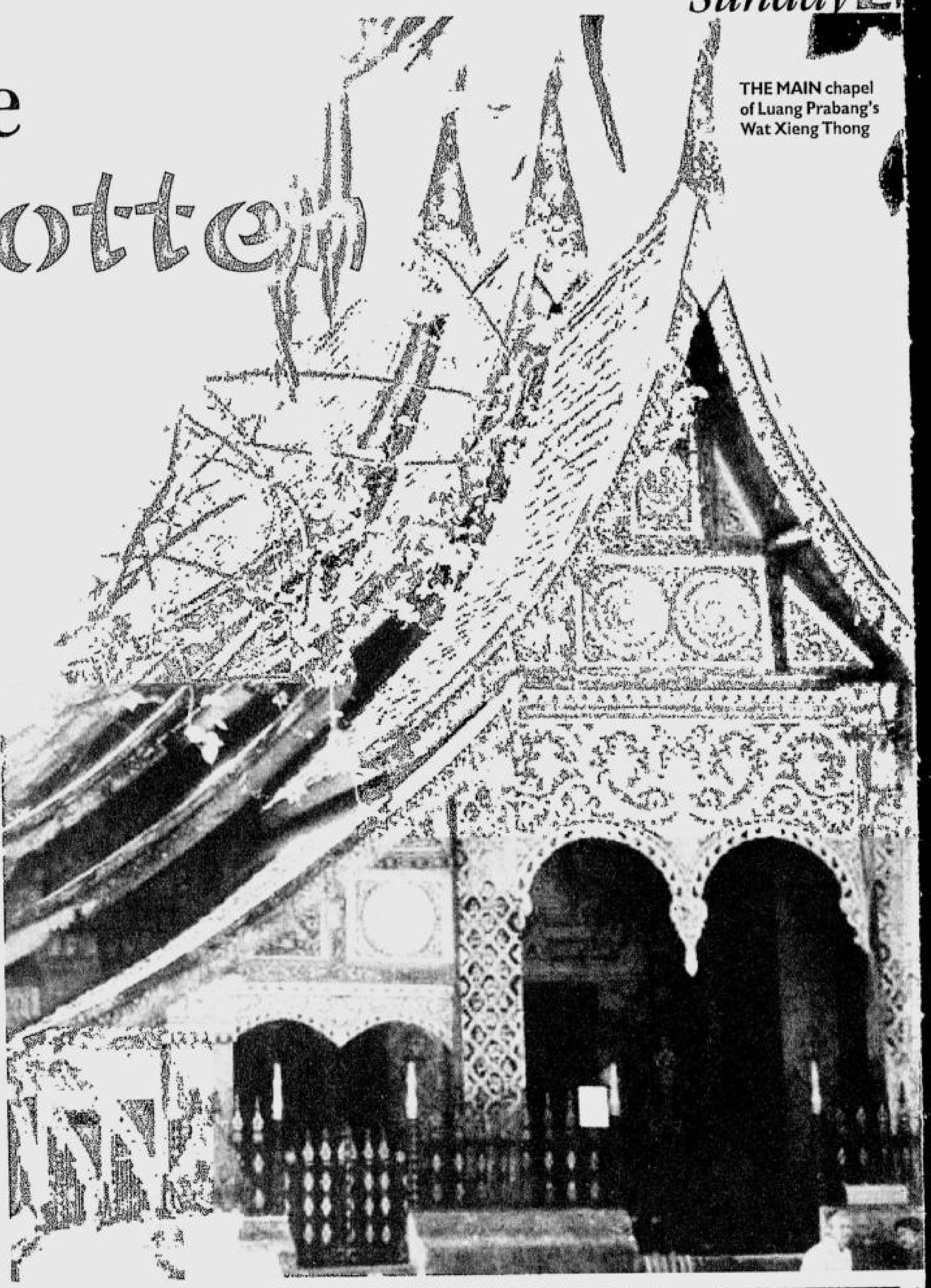

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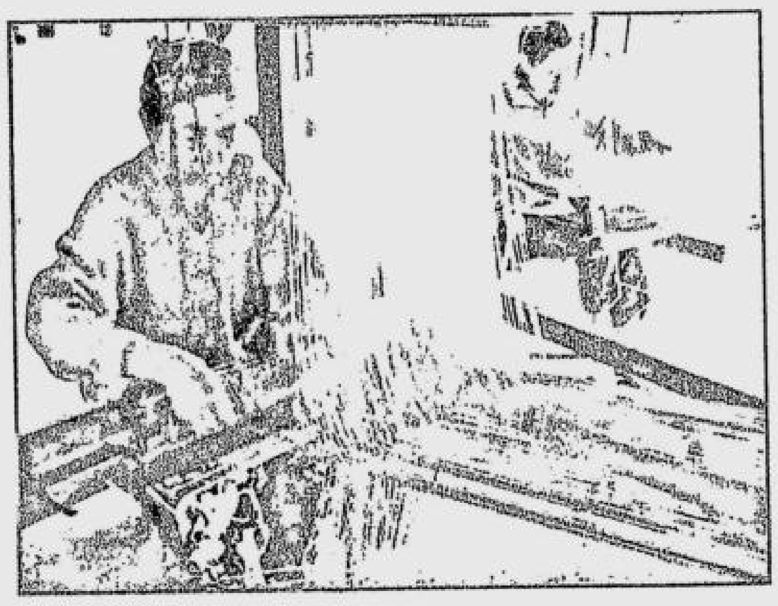

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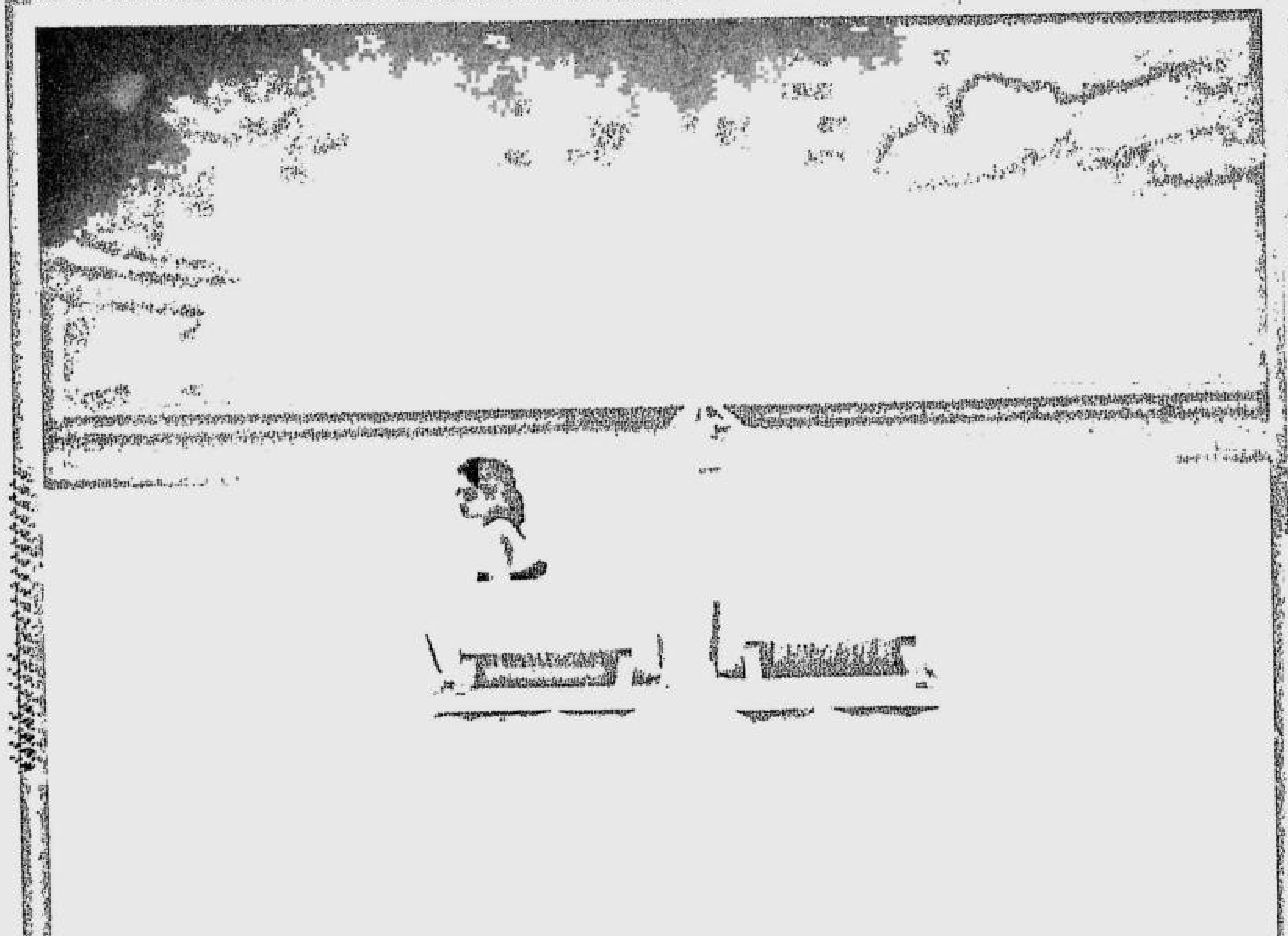

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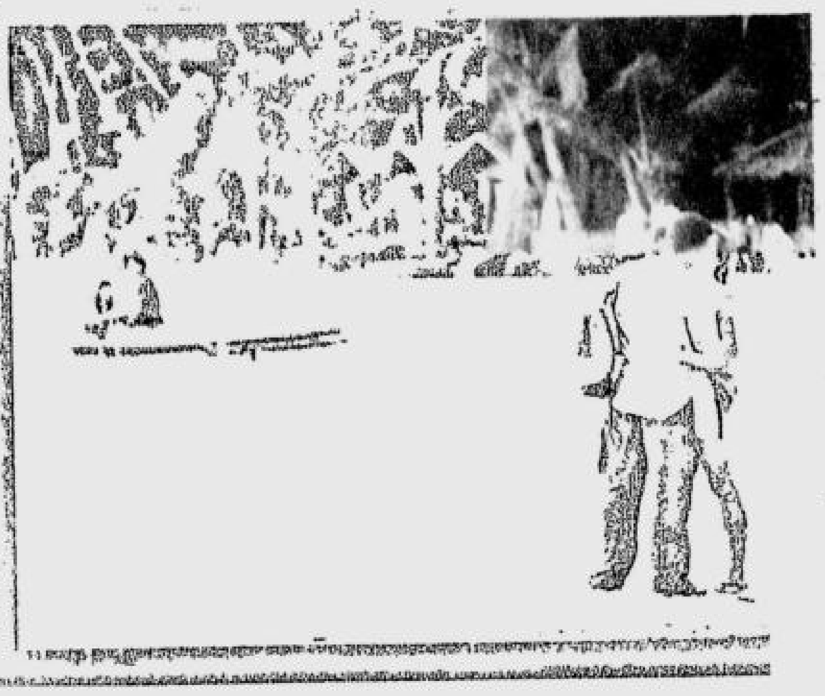

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Lighted brick pathways link temple to temple and all one has to do to fill one's days easily is to follow those pathways with no fixed schedule, poking around the old wat compounds and idly talking to the monks and novices eager to practice their English, surprising my Bangkok-bred Thai friends at their facility with the foreign language.

Tourists on the Southeast Asia travel route have started to discover the town's charms, with elegant boutique hotels standing side by side with budget guest houses and the traditional arts and crafts in full, colorful flower.

Stately elegance

In Luang Prabang, despite the growing number of visitors, one can still stand in quiet awe of the stately elegance of the temples such as the main chapel of the 16th-century Wat Xieng Thong and its elegant overlapping roofs without worrying about blocking someone's telephoto lens. Or one can sit in a riverbank café quietly sipping a glass, as coffee in Laos is not served in cups, of strong sweet coffee by the Mekong or its tributary, the Nam Kang.

On a hill overlooking the town and the peninsula on which the town sits, Wat Phousi has taken on the status of a pilgrimage site at sunset for tourists who clamber up its 300 or so steps in late afternoon to marvel at the sight of the temple roofs in the dying light and watch the mist descend on the hills.

Luang Prabang evokes a timelessness that has withstood centuries of foreign incursions and Laos' own chaotic recent history. Still, one senses a fragility to Luang Prabang's beauty. As one monk and heritage advocate revealed, the World Heritage listing has brought an unexpected result—it has caused temple patronage to drop as locals leave their homes and rent them out to foreign businessmen to be converted to hotels or bars.

We spent two full days in Luang Prabang but, to my surprise, no temple fatigue set in. The town's rhythm remains unhurried and relaxed, its very own, a place living life at its own accustomed pace. Not one for the grand edifices built to impress, in Luang Prabang, I found an intimacy and naturalness that is the first casualty of places moving into the category of "popular destinations." The sight of the monks and novices living their daily lives, mending their orange robes or roasting bananas in a yard, unmindful of tourists, imbued all the gilded splendor of the temples, otherwise grand but coldly impersonal, with a charm not easily forgotten.

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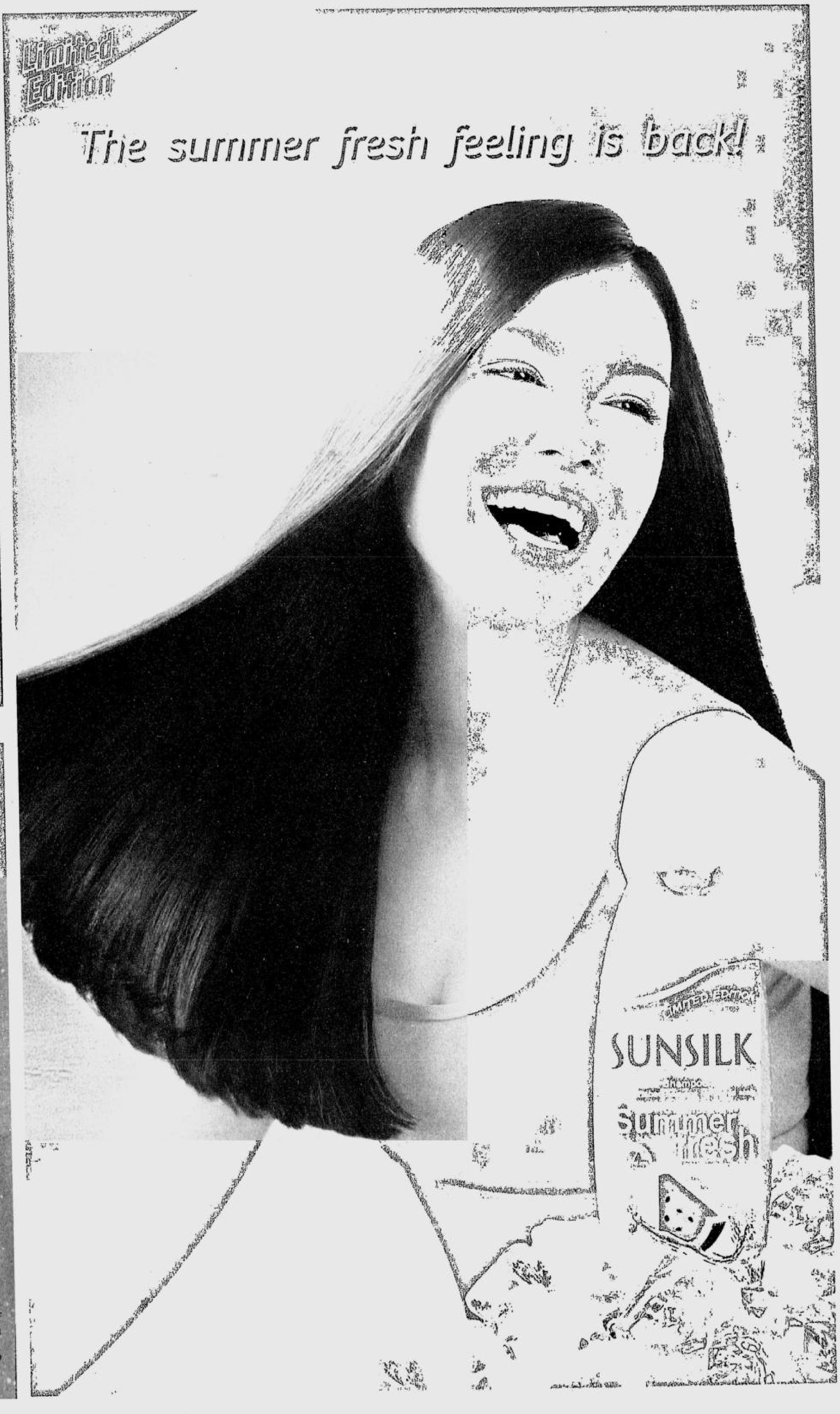

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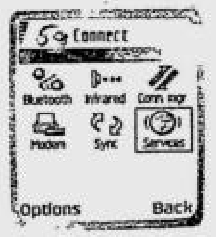
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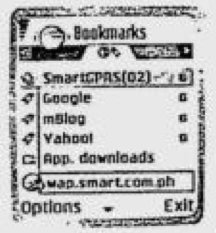
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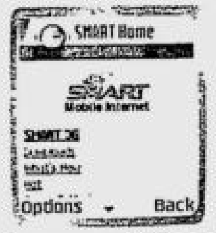
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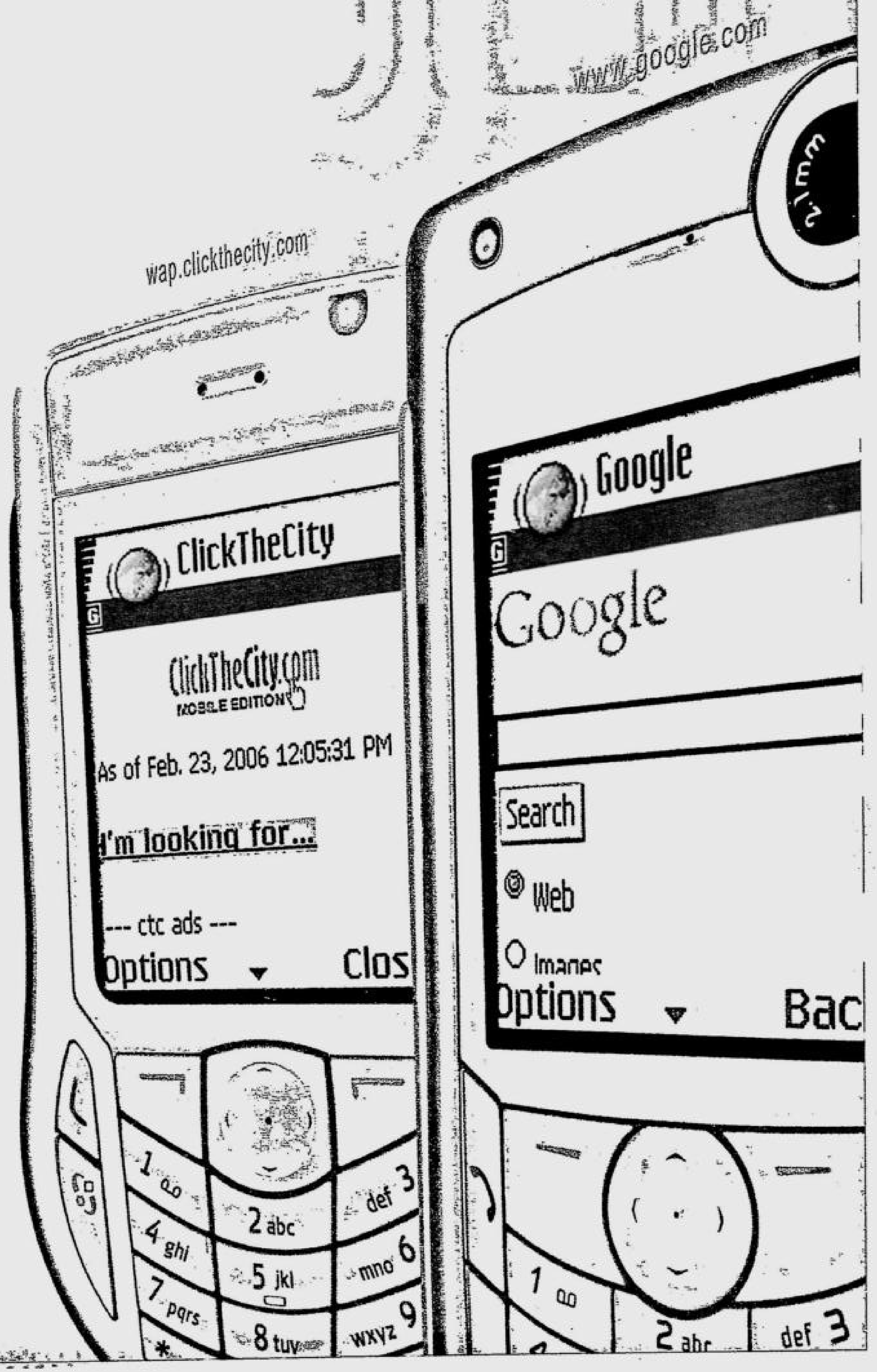
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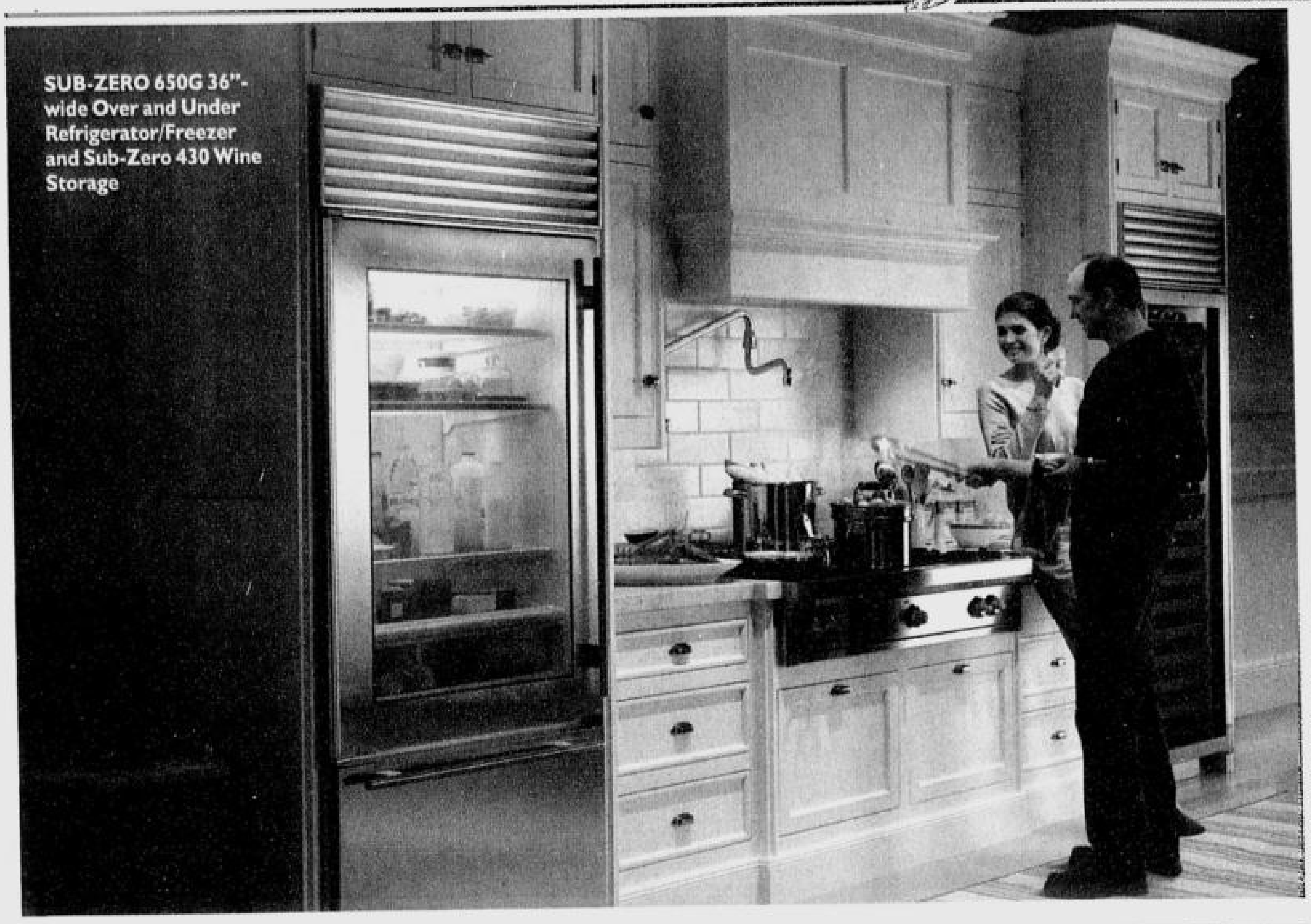

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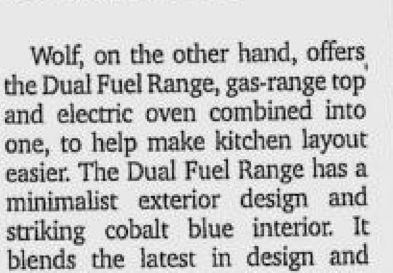

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Married woman has a deadline to beat

EMILY'S POST

Emily A. Marcelo

DEAR EMILY,

I am a confused married woman. I am married to a Belgian for almost eight years now.

When my mother, my daughter and I returned to the Philippines in December for the burial of my maternal grandmother, I bumped into an ex-boyfriend during our high-school reunion. He's married, too. We were almost always together from that time on until my family and I returned to Belgium.

Since then, I call him regularly since the cost is lower for me than for him. He sends me text messages all the time, though.

I have a deadline from my travel agent to purchase my return ticket to the Philippines soon. Should I pursue my trip home this August or not?

The main reason for this trip is I'll be investing in the Philippines. I hope you can help me. I am really running out of time.

CHEY

You sound so harried and hurried and your whole message is so telegraphic. Does this "running out of time" apply only to your business venture? If not, what exactly do you mean?

It can't be the travel agent's deadline because that's a no-brainer. Pay the fine, if you must!

Is this the deadline you've given yourself to tell your husband you're planning to end your marriage to him? Or did this old boyfriend give you an ultimatum—come home soon and be with him, otherwise... ?

What's bugging you? Did your husband find out about your ex-boyfriend that you have to make a decision soon?

Calling someone regularly at your own expense could be serious. How deep into this are you? If you're thinking what I think you're thinking—think again.

Are you unhappy with your marriage, or are you just trying to enliven what may be a contented but lackluster eight years with your husband? Are you ready to turn your back on your life in Belgium for this ex-boyfriend? How into each other are you?

If you're coming home in August for business, then go ahead. But if you're coming home with the explicit purpose of rearranging your life top, bottom and sideways, and want encouragement and support from a third person—well, I don't think that's a very good idea.

Only you, and you alone, can decide on that. Not even your boyfriend can make up your mind for you.

I know how excited and giddy you must be feeling meeting up with someone you've loved from long ago. The reunion brought back memories of youth, pain, joy, laughter—and unadulterated fun—and you couldn't help but float in the air, savoring them all over again.

But do you think those memories will sustain you long enough that you can completely turn around your life now? Can your boyfriend give you the life you've been accustomed to these last eight years? Will love—if that's what this is all about—be enough?

August is a long way off and December of last year should be slowly fading away from memory. Unless you are 101-percent sure of your footing now and regrets will never figure in your life ever, then go ahead. Otherwise, think hard again. And think long. Memories have a way of playing tricks with lonely people's minds.

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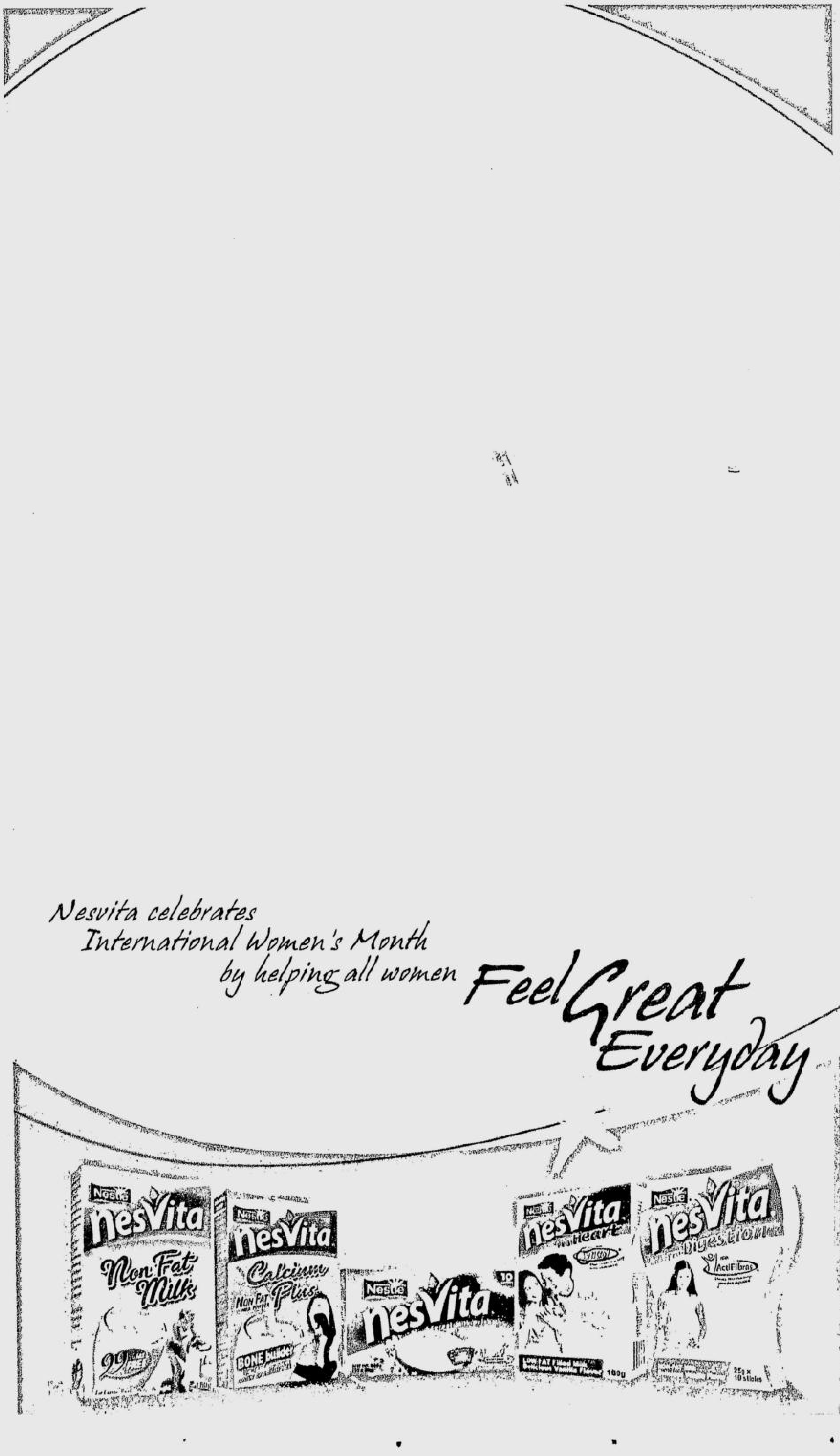

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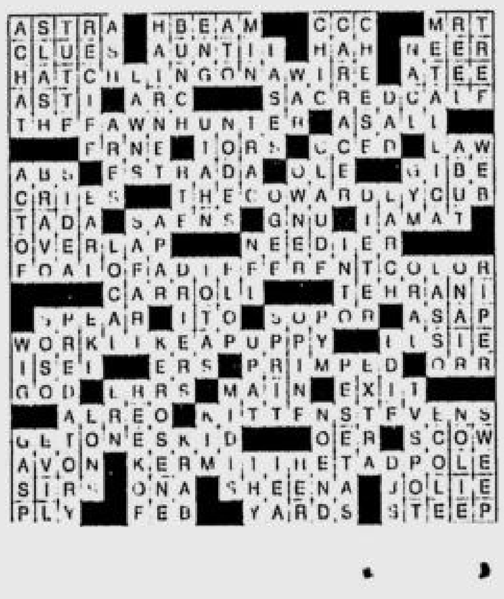

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I did an opening act wearing 8-inch-high, acrylic stilettos

BELLY dance number by students of Ginajane Grey Dance and Art Center

Watch my belly dance!

IN MY NEXT LIFE, I WANT TO BE A curvaceous, 6-foot tall, exotic belly dancer that only performs for the richest man in the world, who would then fund all my charitable projects. It's a nice thought, and at the recital of the **Ginajane Grey** Dance and Art Center, entitled "Flambellazz," I was able to fulfill part of that dream—the part about being 6 ft tall, unfortunately not the one about dancing for **Bill Gates**!

TESSA!

Tessa Prieto-Valdes

In a gravity-defying act much like balancing on a tightrope, I performed a cameo part during the sold-out shows at the RCBC Auditorium. With a lighted candelabrum on my head, specially created by **Dennis Lagdameo**, I did the opening act for the belly-dancing portion wearing 8-inch high, acrylic stilettos.

This annual dance recital, presented this year by Air France and KLM, featured various styles of dance from flamenco, belly and jazz with some "Crouching Tiger" special flying effects and real Ducati bikes thrown in for good measure. Although I have started my flamenco and belly classes again, gyrating my flab beside young, sexy students like **Jessica Kienle** and **JM Acosta** would have been terrible to watch on stage.

Thus, my appearance was limited to a two-minute interlude, just enough to make my invited guests happy. My performance, already extended because it was so hard to walk in those killer heels, was still just a fraction of the time it took for the makeup artist provided by Lancôme to put glitter and false eyelashes on me.

Passion for dance thrives in Ginajane's blood. Whether the dance is undulating, strutting or some flamenco foot-stomping, one can feel her emotion in each step. Her classes of flamenco, belly and jazz (tel. 0917-5368172) are so enjoyable because even if it is such a discipline to learn the footwork of Sevillanas, a traditional Andalusian folk dance, or controlling your stomach muscles in belly dancing, she teaches all to feel the dance and let the emotions flow.

For almost two years, I have remained in the same beginners class in flamenco. Recently, I have convinced ex-actress/super mom **Maricel Laxa-Pangilinan** to start with me. Her cute girls, **Ella** and **Hannah**, are budding "flamenqueras" and they stole the show with their elegant dance number performed with musicians **Toni Bernardo** and **Denise Celdran**.

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YOUNG flamenco dancers Hannah and Ella Pangilinan, Patricia McCombs and Alexis Lopez

GORGEOUS flamenco dancers Cristina Alunan, Amina Aranaz-Alunan and Maryann Lumen

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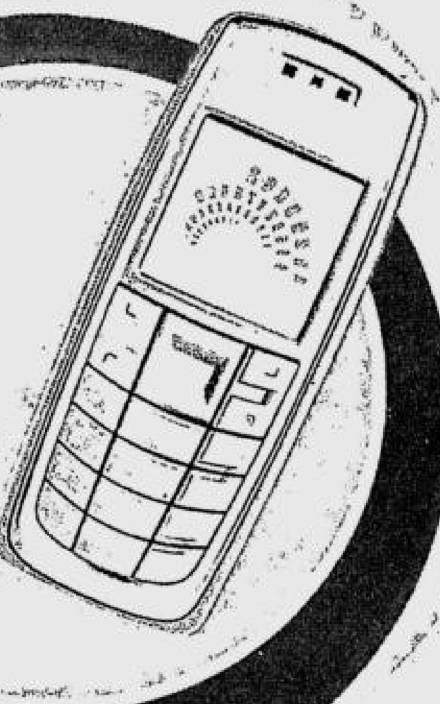
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PARENTS OF THE NEWLYWEDS: Judge Olegario Sarmiento Jr. and Flordelis Sarmiento, the newlyweds, Gov. Aurora Cerilles and Rep. Antonio Cerilles

CERILLES-SARMIENTO NUPTIALS

A wedding to remember in Pagadian City

NATURALLY, IT WAS THE wedding to be the talked about for years in this part of the southern archipelago, when Ace William Cerilles exchanged solemn religious vows (the civil rites happened years earlier) to Junaflor Sarmiento.

The groom is the son of Rep. Antonio H. Cerilles and Gov. Aurora E. Cerilles, one of the region's dynamic political tandems. The bride, affectionately known as Sweet, is the daughter of Judge Olegario Sarmiento Jr. and Flor Delis Sarmiento of Cebu.

It was definitely a wedding to remember. The city was in a jubilant mood, with no less than President Macapagal-Arroyo, with Ambassador Eduardo M. Cojuangco Jr., heading the list of principal sponsors.

Other members of the House of Representatives who served as sponsors were Luis A. Asistio, Roseller L. Barinaga, Abdulah D. Dimaporo, Prospero A. Pichay Jr., Isidoro E. Real Jr., Herminia M. Ramiro, Cecilia G. Jalosjos-Carreon and Belma A. Cabilao.

The quartet of provincial governors present were Edgar R. Lara, Rosette Y. Lerias, Daisy A. Fuentes and Imelda Q. Dimaporo.

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The spacious San Jose Parish Church was adorned with fresh orchids. After the church rites, the newlyweds rode in an open horse-drawn carriage. Crowds lined the wide streets of the progressive city to cheer the newlyweds.

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NEWLYWEDS Ace William and Sweet Cerilles (nee Sarmiento)

Milestones

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PANAHON-DE ASIS

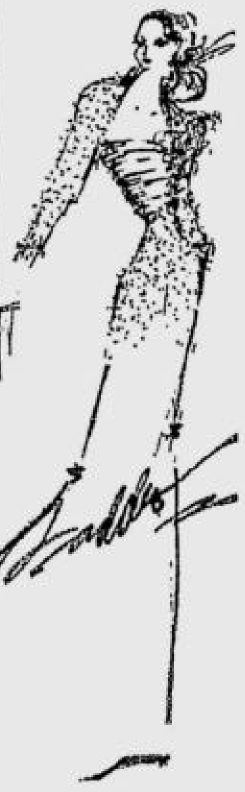
Benigno Elizaga Panahon Sr. and **Rosario Saa de Asis** recently renewed their marriage vows to mark their 65th wedding anniversary. Msgr. **Warlito I Cajandig**, DD, officiated the ceremonies at St. Benedictine Chapel. Reception followed at La Estancia Resort, Calapan City.

TAGROS-DAVID

Christoffer Tagros, son of engineer and Ms **Wilfredo Tagros Sr.** of Bobon, Northern Samar, and **Annalee David**, daughter of Mr. and Ms **Honorio David Sr.**, will be married on April 1, at Christ The King Parish, Greenmeadows, QC. Reception will follow at Acropolis Clubhouse.

BERNABE DEBUT

Beatha Bernadette Orias Bernabe, second child and only daughter of **Randy** and **Nats Bernabe**, will celebrate her 18th birthday with a dinner-dance on March 11, at Plaza Ibarra, QC. Her brothers **Bryan** and **Benjo**, along with **Craig Samson**, will be her escorts. The celebrator is a sophomore nursing student. Al Galvez will do the debutante's hair and makeup. The debutante will wear pomelo-pink serpentine gown designed and executed by **Eddie Baddeo**. It has a fitted shrug bolero in stretch mesh net and draping chiffon bodice fully beaded with caviar beads.



Eddie Baddeo

MANZANO-DY

Engineer **Richard Manzano**, son of **Bienvenido** and **Virginia Manzano**, recently married **Sanre Dy**, daughter of **Remegio** and **Susan Dy**, at St. Pancratius Chapel. Reception was held at Paco Park.

FALLER BIRTHDAY

Cherry Faller (second from left), a longtime resident of Vienna, Austria, celebrated her 50th birthday with a dinner-dance party at Patio Rizal, Lucban, Quezon. Her guests included son **Philip John Faller**, **Emil Reyes** and daughter **Melissa Reyes**.

BAYANI-VIRAY

Sherwin J. Bayani, son of **Rolando** and **Cirila Bayani**, recently wed **Valerie T. Viray**, daughter of lawyer **Antonio** and **Concepcion Viray**, at San Agustin Church, Intramuros, Manila. Reception was held at Hyatt Hotel & Casino Manila. The wedding gown was designed by **Dong Encarnacion**.

PROM QUEEN

Anne Lorraine Talan Diokno was queen of the 2006 Colegio de San Agustin-Biñan junior and senior prom at the The Philippine Plaza Grand Ballroom. She received her crown, sash, cape and flowers from **Augusta Segubre** (left) and Fr. **Enrique Sagum** (right). Diokno, daughter of advertising commercial director **Amado Diokno Jr.** and **Elizabeth Talam**, wore an apple-green gown with elaborate emerald-green floral design by **Obet Evangelista**. Makeup was by David's Salon.

FLAMBELLAZZ cast of the Ginajane Grey Dance and Art Center

BELLY dancers Angela Litton, Melissa Sison and Vikki Santos

Watch my belly dance!

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Entrepreneurial passion

If Ginajane's passion is dance, young tycoon **Joey Concepcion's** passion is to help build better lives for as many young Pinoys as possible. On the weekend of the attempted coup and assorted rallies, he continued with the Go Negosyo Entrepreneurship Expo in the 4/L of Market! Market!

Unfazed by the counter-productive activities in Malacañang, Ayala and Fort Bonifacio, Joey went ahead and opened the fair.

The Go Negosyo Fair featured booths from different schools, small- to medium-scale business ventures and several food outlets showing opportunities for franchising, perhaps the classic starter entrepreneurial activity.

A different kind of revolution was going on that day. As a much-needed source of encouragement and inspiration, the expo promoted optimism in the business sector by focusing on education, innovation and hard work.

In an inspiring speech, Sen. **Manny Villar** said we should turn this country by encouraging micro-businesses to flourish aside from just producing employee-level graduates. Senators **Mar Roxas** and **Kiko Pangilinan** also delivered inspiring speeches.

I guess the atmosphere was so optimistic that even President **GMA** dropped by and worked the crowd for a few minutes before scurrying back to the friendlier confines of the Palace.

It was encouraging to see a lot of young students in the different school booths. Entrepreneurs School of Asia founder **Vivienne Tan** had several mentors at her section to conduct focus groups and give insights in their area of expertise. Her business partner, **Joel Santos**, told me they are also promoting the school abroad to bring foreigners to study doing business in Asia.

The day before the Expo, my hubby, **Dennis**, was requested to be one of the forum speakers, touching on the role of media in promoting optimism in order to spur entrepreneurial activity. He spoke about INQUIRER's policy of having at least one "good news" story on the front page everyday.

After the forum, Dennis checked out the different entrepreneurs and met a "bubble artist," **Lambert Flores** (tel. 8818289 or e-mail lambertflores@yahoo.com). Lambert performs at children's parties and other events, showing the magic of bubble-blowing.

Truly, it is entrepreneurs who will save our country. One of Dennis' old friends, **Francis Lugue**, has just launched a soft and chewy Mango Cookie called Ritz Treats. Like most new entrepreneurs, Francis is having difficulty getting his products into stores. The SM chain, perhaps the quintessential rags-to-riches entrepreneur story, has given Francis a break by giving shelf space for his new product starting next week.

Booming Cebu

If we just focus on productivity and creativity, we might not be the only Asian nation still stuck in this dump. It's unfortunate that the recent coup attempt and rallies sent negative signals and affected the booming tourism in Cebu. Several hotels in Cebu had cancellations due to the situation.

We flew there for the inauguration of the new CDN Building last week. Cebu Daily News is another great entrepreneurial story. The paper was started from scratch just eight years ago and is now neck-to-neck with market leader Sun Star.

The paper is doing so well that they have just put up the CDN Building, combining the presses of Print Town and the country's first integrated newsroom, which will allow CDN reporters and editors to create news for all of the INQUIRER's newspapers and other media, including Inq7.net. Now, that's a good news story that deserves to be on the INQUIRER's front page!

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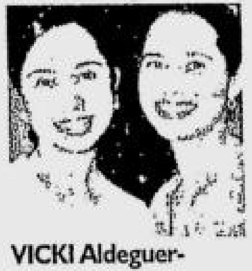
ALEX and Marixi Prieto with Cebuano dignitaries Minnie Osmeña, former Chief Justice Hilario Davide and Eileen Mangubat

CDN Building ribbon-cutters include Pat Garcia, Cary Rufino, Marixi Prieto, publisher Eileen Mangubat and Dennis Valdes.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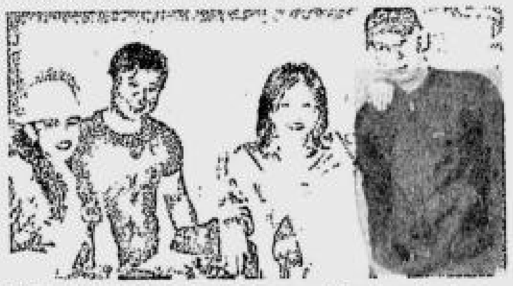
TEACHER Ginajane Grey and Evelyn Forbes with bikers Rod Chua and Jay Carrion

EDUCATORS and students of De La Salle-College of St. Benilde at Go Negosyo Fair

GO Negosyo Entrepreneurship Expo opening: Mayor Capco of Pateros, lead advocate Anna Marie Periquet, Expo head Joey Concepcion, Sea Princess, Sen. Mar Roxas and Mayor Freddie Tinga of Taguig

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ACROSS
1 "Ad — per aspera" (motto of Kansas)
6 Letter-shaped girder
11 Nero's 300
14 "Rocky III" actor
17 Sleuths' finds
18 Mommy's sis
20 "That'll show you!"
21 — -do-well (idler)
22 1990 Mel Gibson film, to a baby?
25 Suited to —
26 — spumante (Italian wine)
27 Circle section
28 One above criticism, to a baby?
30 Best Picture of 1978, to a baby?
35 Big — outdoors
36 Sea bird
37 Rocky peaks
38 Mailed a duplicate, for short
39 Edict
42 Tummy muscles
45 Erik of "CHiPs"
47 Bullfight shout
48 Mock
49 Sobs
51 Emerald City visitor, to a baby?
55 "Et voila!"
56 Composer Camille Saint- —
58 Large antelope
59 "— your service"
60 Partly coincide with
62 Poorer
64 Something else entirely, to a baby?
72 Lewis who created Alice
73 Resident of Iran's capital
74 Harpoon
77 Simpson judge Lance
78 Lethargic sleep
81 "Pronto!"
82 Slave away, to a baby?
85 Designer de Wolfe
86 "It's clear now"
87 CPR sites
88 Preened
91 Bruin great Bobby
92 See 42-Down
93 Slips up
95 Principal
96 Way out
98 Spanish airmail stamp
100 "Peace Train" singer, to a baby?
105 Be annoying, to a baby?
108 On top of, in odes
109 Clumsy boat
110 The Bard's river
111 Pal of Fozzie Bear, to a baby?
116 Gentlemen
117 "— clear day ..."
118 Singer Easton
119 Actress Angelina
120 Practice, as a trade
121 Winter mo.
122 Swing-set sites
123 Precipitous

DOWN
1 Have — (bat the breeze)
2 Mark down drastically
3 "Cosi fan —" (Mozart opera)
4 Port in NE Brazil
5 Cigar residue
6 Cafeteria worker's headwear
7 Banana unit
8 U.K. member
9 From — Z
10 Hour div.
11 In style
12 Al Unser, e.g.
13 Mouse bait
14 '80s hard-rock band
15 Rod's partner
16 Nonkosher
19 Relieves
21 Table salt, chemically
23 They're often mowed
24 Major battle
29 Pa
31 Son of Zeus
32 Salt Lake City citizen
33 Central points
34 Gillette's — II razor
38 Painter Monet
40 Lie next to
41 Spider snare
42 With 92-Across, natural disaster
43 "Well done!"
44 Half of a 45
46 Hwy.
47 Proprietor
48 Iron-pumping place
50 Countess's husband
52 Pointed arch
53 Calorie cutter
54 Coniferous tree
56 African trek
57 On — with (equal to)
61 Regional
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93 Suffix with west
94 Strongly smell like
95 Some skirts
97 Ad on the tube
99 Ages and ages
100 Basinger or Novak
101 To a great extent
102 Henri's school
103 "Really!"
104 Vacuum
105 React in shock
106 Dastardly
107 Krusty — ("SpongeBob SquarePants" eatery)
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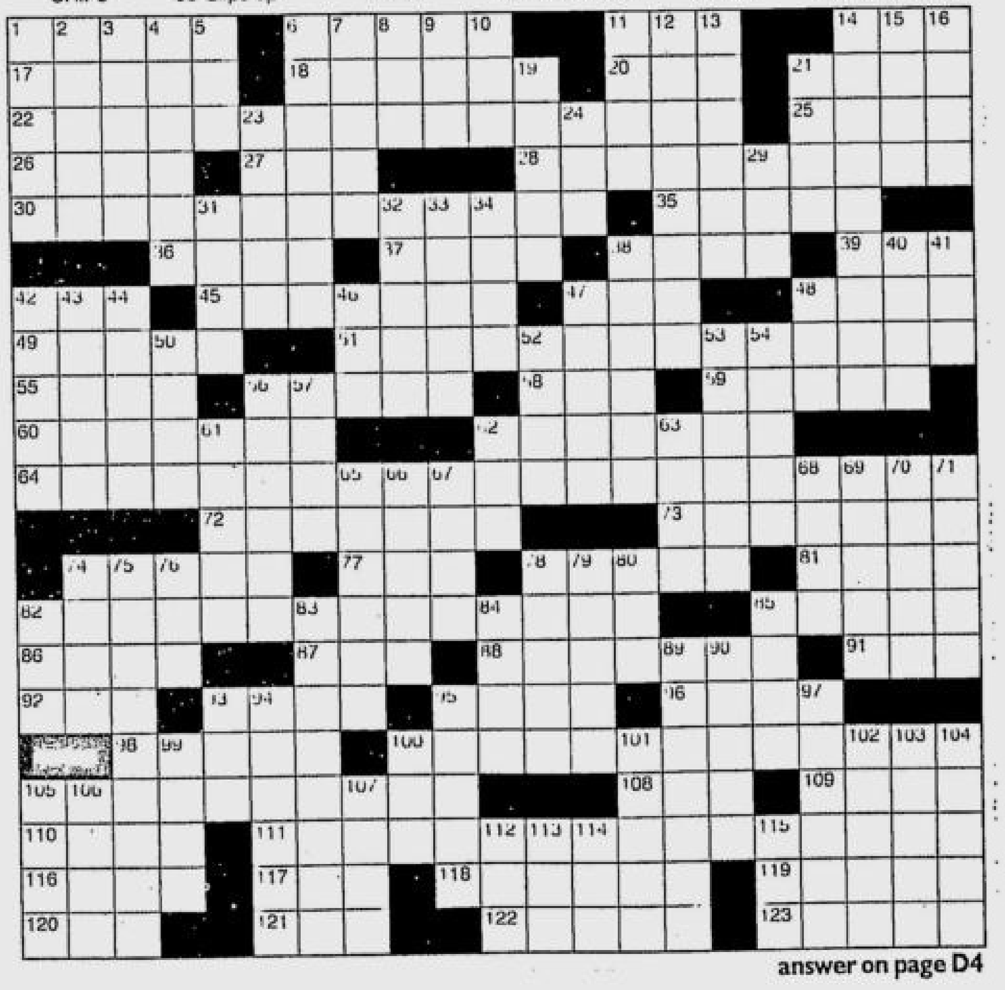

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RIKKA-STYLE Ikebana by Serapion Metilla, here with Prof. Nubo Kurashige from Japan JOEY CASTRO

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The course schedule is: Day 1, Principles of Ikebana—Moribana and Shoka; Day 2, Western style—all-around or one-sided and L-shape; Day 3, Western style—Hogarth line and Crescent shape; Day 4, Free styles, buffet or party centerpieces and garland-making; and Day 5, Corsage and bridal bouquet-making and other wedding ensembles.

How to weave *puso* (cooked rice container made of palm fronds), and how to make birds and grasshoppers using young coconut leaves will also be taught.

The course will also cover sourcing of materials, and how to lengthen the vase life of flowers. Materials such as vases, floral foams, wires, floral tapes, flowers and foliage, scissors and ribbons will be provided.

On March 18-19, a workshop on Mini Waterfall, Zen Garden and catch basin-making will be conducted. This plant art is believed in *feng shui* to bring good luck and tranquility in the home, and promotes wellness. Materials will be provided such as volcanic rocks, motor pump, cement, sand, assorted plants, clay and paint.

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This meant the Church decided that, from a human point of view, he had the qualifications of a saint. The Holy Father believed Matt Talbot was chosen by God as a model for addicts.

Pope John Paul II, when he was a young man, wrote a paper about the would-be saint.

When Matt gave up drinking, he modeled his life after the monks whose order was founded in the 6th century. It was a tough program of prayer, fasting and alms-giving.

But he never gave up. He attend Mass early in the morning everyday before going to work at the timber yards. On his way to Mass in 1925, Matt collapsed and died.

After he was declared Venerable in 1973, more and more people sought his intercession for their loved ones who suffered from addiction.

I am writing about him because a devotee, Tessie Lopez, said there was a need to pray to him because of the rampant drug addiction and alcoholism, especially among the young.

Though very few people knew of him before, today rehabilitation centers are being named after him.

Talbot was born in Dublin in 1858. By the time he was 13, he was drunk everyday. The story went that Matt became so frustrated by his inability to give up alcohol that one day he knelt in front of the church door and prayed for help.

At age 28, he gave up drinking totally and led a life of prayer and fasting.

Favors granted

Those who were helped by Venerable Matt Talbot can write to Fr. Morgan Costelloe, vice postulator for his cause, at 21 Cullenswood Gardens, Ravelagh, Dublin, Ireland. Or e-mail info@matttalbot.com

Mary Costello in Nebraska, a devotee, welcomes requests for medals of this holy man. Send letters to 2441 Bradfield Drive, Lincoln, NE 68502, USA. For prayers, please write to me at PO Box 2050, Manila. Please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope.

Hospices

Since the Madre de Amor Hospice Foundation opened a center in Los Baños, Laguna, in 1994, hospice care has been made available to Santa Cruz, Pila, Calauan, Victoria, Calamba, San Pablo and Pansol. A total of 46 volunteers take care of terminally ill patients who receive spiritual help during their days of agony.

The hospice, through Dr. Rhodora Ocampo, is licensed to dispense morphine and other painkillers. Those in Calamba can go to the Calamba Medical Center or text Dr. Ocampo at 0920-9224843 or call (49)5360644.

The foundation was set up in 1994 by the late Tony Mercado who got the inspiration from Dr. Josefina Magno, who pioneered hospice service in the Philippines. Together with his friends—current chair Carol Guerrero, Ning Basa and Marcia Sandoval—and his wife, the incumbent president Monina Alarey Mercado, a board of trustees was organized to take care of the needs of hospice centers.

Volunteers include Tessie Gonzales, a cancer survivor; and Dada and Fermin Adriano, whose daughter Sarah died of cancer of the nose cavity many years ago.

Life's trials

Young though he is, Darwin Fil M. Deloria has written a book about coping with life's trials. He talks about other people's experiences and how they coped with God's help.

Published by Sound Publishing Corporation, the book is available in National Bookstore and other major bookstores. The book "Breaking Through All Life's Trials" is a must read.

Good Friday in Seville

Those who want to participate in the Good Friday procession in Seville, Spain, may want to join Adam's Travel's planned Holy Week trip to the city.

The group leaves Manila on April 7 for Amsterdam, Brussels, Paris and London from where it will travel by road to Toledo in Spain.

On April 14 the group will reach Seville in time for the procession bearing the more than life-size image of our Lady of Macarena to whom bullfighters pray before a bull fight.

The sight of devotees of the Virgin with lighted candles, singing Marian songs in Spanish, is spectacular. People come to give thanks for favors granted or to ask for help.

Easter Sunday, April 16, will be spent in Fatima, Portugal. From there the pilgrimage goes to Madrid, Zaragoza, Barcelona, Nice, Monte Carlo and Rome. The group returns to Manila on April 24.

For inquiries, call 5211651 or text Ana at 0981-9083176.

Fiesta

The nuns in Hospicio de San José will once again hold a nine-day novena of Masses for St. Joseph at 6 p.m., March 10-18. The fiesta Mass and procession is at 6 p.m., March 19. The public is invited. Different priests will say Mass everyday.

The Friends of St. Joseph will mount an exhibit of St. Joseph images. Those who want to join the exhibit can text Danny Reyes at 0920-9133836.

National shrine

The groundbreaking ceremony for the proposed national shrine of St. Padre Pio will be at 5 p.m., March 12, in Barangay San Pedro in Sto. Tomas, Batangas. Archbishop Ramon Arguelles will officiate in the concelebrated Mass with Fr. Troy de los Santos, OFM-Capuchin, and Fr. Dale Anthony Ko, parish priest, as co-celebrants.

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8TH NATIONAL AYALA YOUNG LEADERS CONGRESS
February 15-17, 2006

AYALA group officers led by chair Jaime Zobel de Ayala, president and CEO Jaime Augusto Zobel de Ayala II, and executive managing director Fernando Zobel de Ayala join delegates for a souvenir photo.

AYALA president and CEO Jaime Augusto Zobel de Ayala II welcomes the 75 new Ayala Young Leaders.

KEYNOTE speaker Sen. Manuel Roxas II

Don't give up on your country

By Gibbs Cadiz

DON'T GIVE UP ON THE Philippines. Believe in yourself and in your country."

In an ideal world where many young people didn't see their future as leaving the land of their birth behind to build lives in another country, that kind of plea would be unnecessary, even strange.

But this is the Philippines 20 years after Edsa 1; now, a whole new generation of Filipinos has seen their hopes for a better country vanish in a never-ending cycle of economic malaise and political strife. Hence, young people everywhere are voting with their feet by packing for jobs and lives overseas, or, because of indifference, are shunning active civic engagement, reasoning that things are hopeless anyway.

That reality made Sen. Mar Roxas' plea a particularly poignant closing to his keynote speech before the 8th Ayala Young Leaders Congress (AYLC) in Tagaytay recently. And hearing it applauded heartily by 75 outstanding students from all over the country—the cream of the crop of the Filipino junior college population—sparked hope that the message might have hit home.

Most promising

Since 1998, the Ayala Group of Companies has poured time and resources into the annual AYLC, a gathering of the best and brightest student leaders from all over the country for a three-day live-in conference.

"Our aim is to foster good leadership with values in all areas, not just in government," explained Vicky Garchitorena, president of Ayala Foundation, which spearheads the annual congress.

AYLC's most basic requirement is that they be in their penultimate year—that means, incoming fourth-year college students who can use the knowledge gained from the congress in their schools and communities and when they become professionals.

"We just don't look for the smartest kids, but those with leadership and character," said Garchitoreno. Character is important because leadership comes in many forms and often manifests itself in ethically ambiguous situations. "Sometimes rebels can be leaders," said Garchitorena.

That search for alternative, informal leaders always makes the AYLC an interesting mix of academic achievers, would-be entrepreneurs, activists and cause-oriented students, as well as top athletes.

Rigorous process

Delegates are selected through a rigorous vetting process. Those who make it through the process are rewarded with a three-day stay in Tagaytay where they get to listen to and ask questions of distinguished speakers (this year, aside from Roxas, who talked about "Harnessing People Power for Development," the lineup included Dr. Onofre Pagsanghan of Ateneo's Dulaang Sibol, renowned furniture designer Kenneth Cobonpue, professor and activist Randy David, business leader Doris Magsaysay-Ho, fashion designer Patis Tesoro, and actress-environmentalist Chin-Chin Gutierrez).

The congress is also an opportunity to learn from and bond with each other, to forge networks that would serve them well as leaders in their respective fields in the future.

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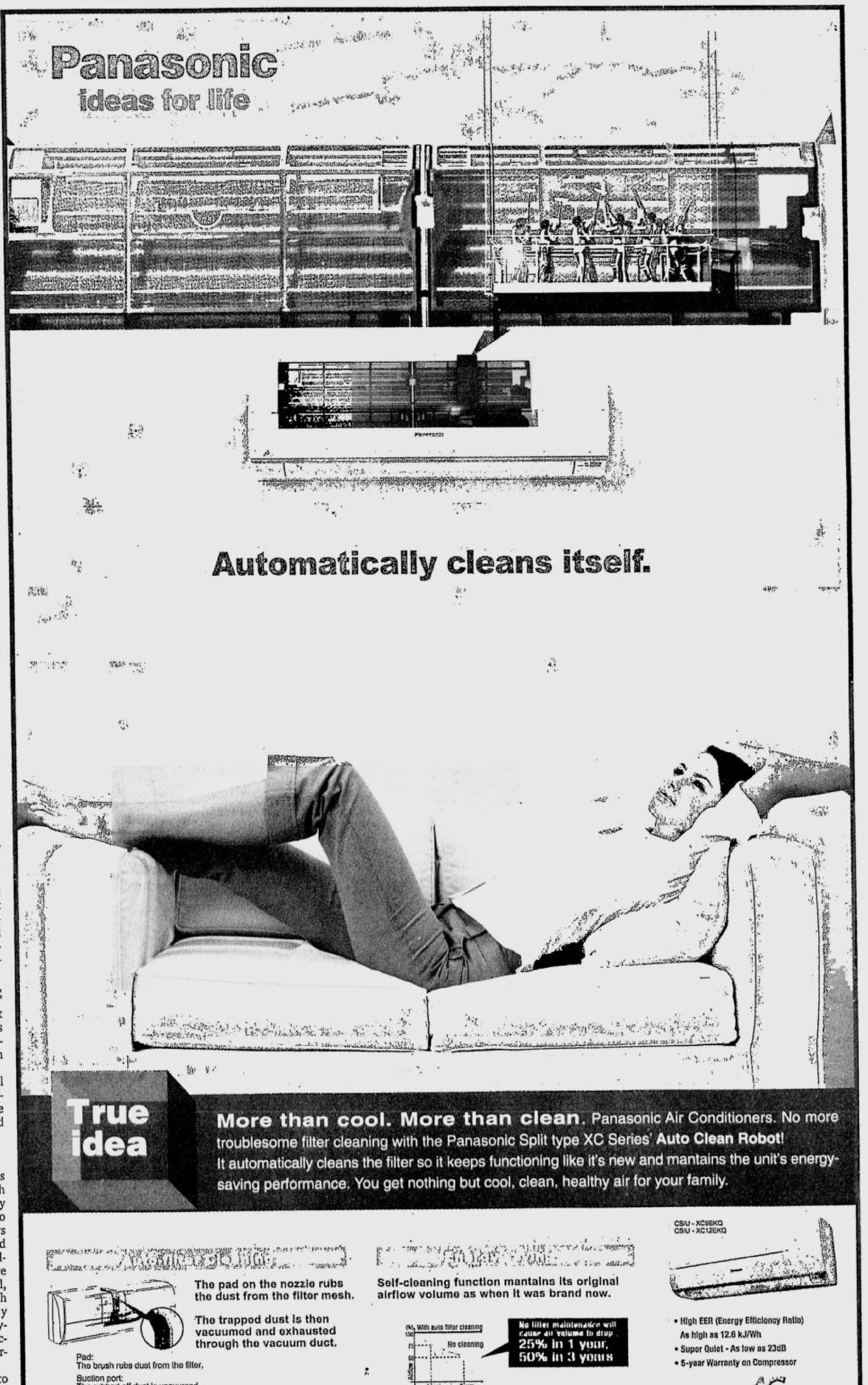
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Of course, there's always the added treat of seeing the entire Ayala top hierarchy gathered in one place at one time to welcome the young delegates and assure them a fruitful confab, beginning with Don Jaime Zobel de Ayala himself and his two sons, Jaime Augusto and Fernando. Their collective presence is an index of how much faith and seriousness the Ayala conglomerate is putting on this annual exercise.

"Both the Ayala Group and the country need values-based leadership, but if you look around today, there are a lot more challenges to the moral values,of our youth. Because of the really fast life, young people are exposed to more distractions and they don't often have time to reflect or plan ahead," said Garchitorena.

"The AYLC is critical because it forces them to stop and ask themselves: 'What do you want to do with your life given your leadership and other skills?'"

Successful alumni

For Garchitorena, the greatest strength of these youthful visionaries is that "They're very engaged, very articulate and aware of the issues, and very good at networking."

Most AYLC alumni, in fact, have become highly successful professionals. Not all of them end up with the Ayala Group, which, to Garchitorena, is a good thing because it spreads their skills across other areas.

"Out of the 500 or so alumni we've had in eight years, around 50 are with Ayala. The rest are everywhere, and we encourage them to stay connected via our website, regular updates and projects," she said.

Jeff Tarayao, community relations head of Globe Telecom, is one example of an outstanding AYLC alumnus who has forged a successful career that balances corporate responsibilities with social involvement.

Other alumni have come up with their own innovative ways to harness youthful passion.

A group headed by Ralph Reuben Morales has started "Starfish," a quarterly publication that bills itself "the first Filipino youth empowerment magazine."

To this end, the magazine publishes stories of pioneering efforts by young people to address issues of personal, social and national concern, celebrating in the process the ability of ordinary Filipinos to effect change wherever and whenever they put their hearts to it. Filipinos, it might be added, who believe in themselves and clearly have not given up on their country.

The AYLC is an assurance that, every year, their tribe will increase.

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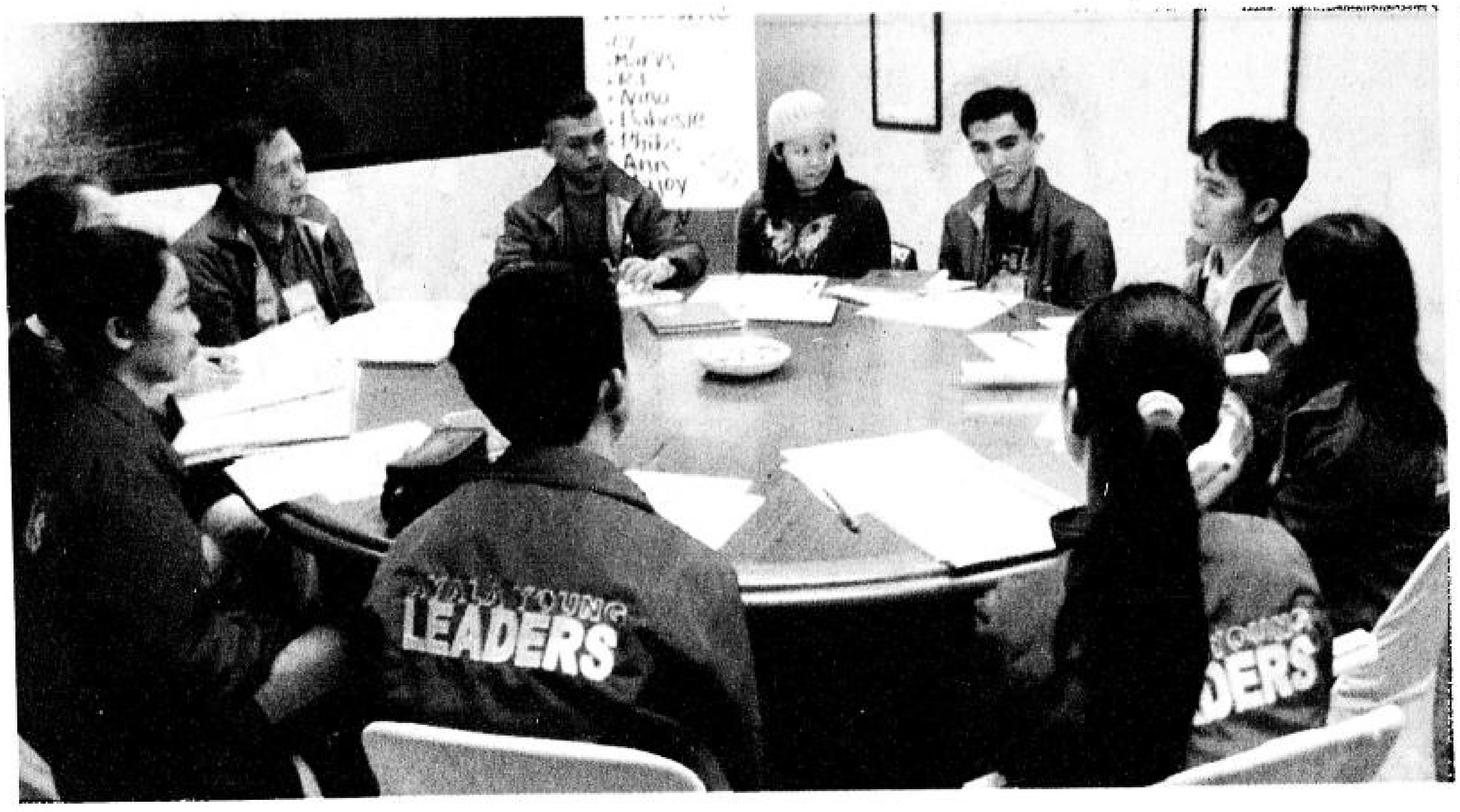

Leadership with values is the battlecry of the Ayala Young Leaders Congress

DELEGATES introduce themselves and share their leadership experiences with peers in breakout sessions facilitated by officers in the Ayala group.

AYALA Foundation president Victoria P. Garchitorena

HOMETOWN Corporation founder Capt. Dennis V. Eclarin, internationally renowned furniture designer Kenneth Cobonpue and Globe Telecom community relations head Jeffrey Tarayao discuss ways to empower people through entrepreneurship.

UP College of Fine Arts scholars of J. Moreno Foundation with Tessie Duldulao, Mercy Tuazon, Celia Laurel, Pitoy Moreno, Bea Zobel, Fr. Mac Reyes, founding chair Imelda Cojuangco, Anita Magsaysay-Ho and Nena Villanueva

UP College of Medicine scholars with Mercy Tuazon, Pitoy Moreno, Bea Zobel, Fr. Mac Reyes, Meldy Cojuangco, Anita Magsaysay-Ho and Nena Villanueva

Moreno foundation award rites

THE J. MORENO SCHOLARSHIP Foundation Award ceremonies for the second semester were held recently at the Gercon Building.

Imelda Cojuangco, founding chair, presented the scholarship awards to the University of the Philippines College of Fine Arts and College of Medicine students.

The event was hosted by architect/developer Gerry Contreras.

Fr. Mac Reyes of Ateneo de Manila University celebrated Mass.

Guests included Anita Magsaysay-Ho, Celia Laurel, Bea Zobel, Mercy Tuazon, Ingrid Santamaria, Johnny Valdez, Nena Villanueva, Helen Ong, Mabel Abaño, Sandie Poblador, Fe Rodriguez, Greg Alvior, Fortune Ledesma, Virginia Moreno, Tessie Duldulao, Carol Garcia, Yaying Dragon, Emily Lopez, Elena Fernando, Crispy Laurel, Paula Feria, Corina Kalaw and lawyer Boy Feria.

VIRGIE Moreno

SCHOLARS with foundation trustee Tony Lacdao, Ed Manguiat of Singing Ambassadors, architect Gerry Contreras and Moreno

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No-homework school

ESTEBAN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL (EIS), which offers classes from nursery to grade school levels, offers something children wish for—no homework.

EIS' Tony Esteban said this was part of the 40-year-old institution's holistic approach to teaching. Students were encouraged to learn all the lessons and skills they needed in school. They could then devote the time after school to family, play, hobbies, etc.

It is up to them if they want to read more about their lessons.

To accomplish its goals, EIS limits each class to 15 students, with two teachers alternating. This is aimed at a more focused method of instruction. Individual problems are corrected at once. The Makati school has only 110 students. Some 23 different nationalities are enrolled at EIS.

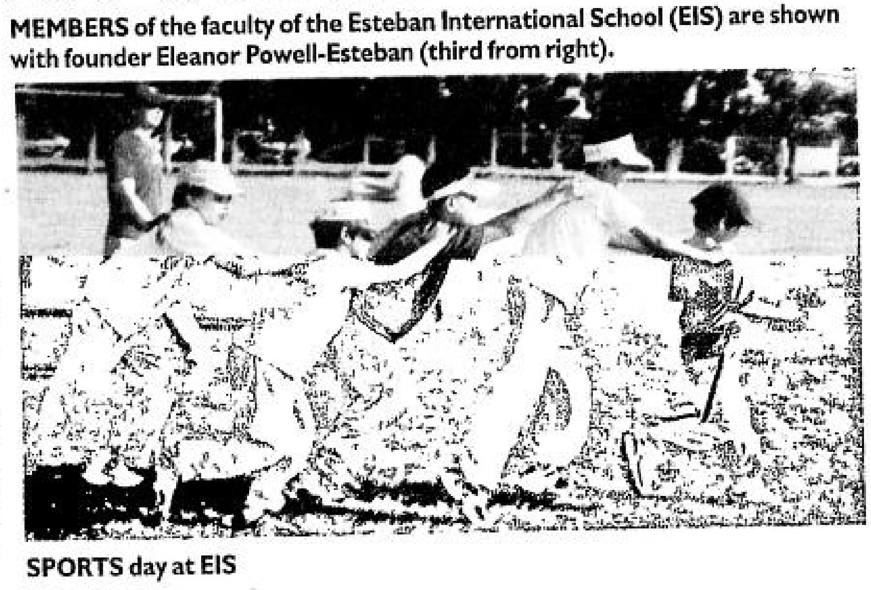
It is not only a teacher-student relationship that is being developed in EIS. Parents are also involved as they are updated on what's happening inside the classroom. Because in the end, they are the No. 1 motivator in their child's learning process.

Esteban said parents were also encouraged to attend not only meetings but workshops conducted for teachers. Parents were invited to many school activities that fostered friendship and cultivated cultural awareness.

Recently, EIS participated at the Dusit Hotel's presentation of school choirs.

Aside from the Makati school, EIS has branches in Alabang and Taguig. The Makati branch offers nursery to grade seven level while Alabang and Taguig schools offer nursery to senior kindergarten levels.

MEMBERS of the faculty of the Esteban International School (EIS) are shown with founder Eleanor Powell-Esteban (third from right).



SPORTS day at EIS

The EIS' curriculum is accredited by the Department of Education. Though it offers DepEd-required subjects, EIS' methods of instruction follows the International Baccalaureate (IBO) Program of Inquiry. The modern method emphasizes that learning is relevant, experiential and, most of all, enjoyable.

The all-Filipino owned learning institution is a member of the European Council of International Schools.

Call The Flame Tree Campus in Taguig, 8449913/8449915; Carissa Campus in Makati, 8453971/8453961; Alabang Campus, 8079145/(0917)8199455, or e-mail at mej@i-manila.com.ph.

E-learning comes of age

GENYO IS A FULLY INTEGRATED e-learning management program developed by Diwa Learning Systems Inc., one of the main sources of books and educational materials for Filipino students for the past 25 years. Diwa Learning Systems believes that the perfect e-learning environment is where superior learning happens.

"Technology is changing the way we teach and learn. Students of today have different characteristics and learning styles. E-learning is one of the most effective means of adapting to the challenges change brings," said Jose Mario Policarpio, vice president of the Diwa Learning Systems Inc.

He added that e-learning is more responsive to the students' different learning styles. There are visual learners who need to see the teachers' body language and facial expression to fully understand the lessons, think of pictures, and learn best from visual aids.

There are auditory learners who learn best through verbal lectures, discussions, listening and interpreting speeches; while there are tactile or kinesthetic learners who learn through a hands-on approach and actively exploring the physical world.

Policarpio further said e-learning is beneficial to the students as they retain 20 percent of what they see; 30 percent of what they hear; 50 percent of what they see and hear; and 80 percent of what they see, hear and do simultaneously.

The other benefits of e-learning include: increased retention and grasp of subject matter since e-learning combines audio and video elements to reinforce the message; offers reduced learning time and consistent delivery of content; has ease of update since digital contents are relatively easier to revise over printed materials; and makes more efficient use of instructor time.

Genyo (pronounced jen-yo) is a fully integrated e-learning management program serving schools and its students and teachers. It includes multimedia software that contains Math, Science, English, Filipino and Araling Panlipunan modules, broadband Internet connectivity, a cell phone-driven homework helper plus broadcast center, an integrated learning portal and teacher training program.

The newest features are the Genyo Learning Management System, which allows students and teachers to access lessons and administer and take exams online, and a full-time learning integration specialist assigned to each school to fully assist in integrating ICT in the classroom.

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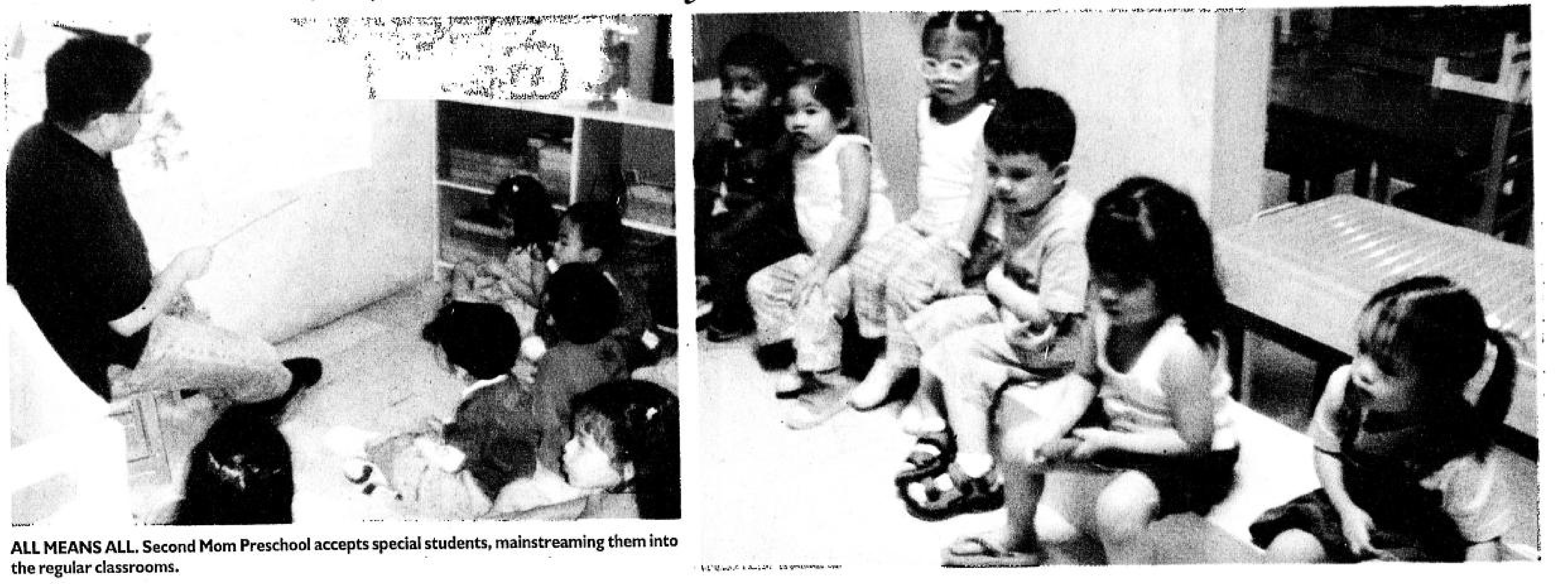


ALL MEANS ALL. Second Mom Preschool accepts special students, mainstreaming them into the regular classrooms.

Education for all, including special children

AT ONLY 6 YEARS OLD, SECOND Mom Preschool is growing right along with its students.

At present it has 74 students, including those in Infant Stimulation, and has maintained an impressive student ratio of four students to one teacher for toddlers; 8:1 for nursery; 9:1 for the 4-year-olds; and 10:1 for the 5-year-olds.

Not only that, but those numbers also include special students, or the "differently gifted." These are children who have been diagnosed with autism, down syndrome, delayed speech or learning disabilities.

Second Mom began accepting special students two years ago. "We have former students who have been diagnosed. They needed to have one-on-one therapy first before they could be mainstreamed," says Jenny Mapua-Banal, the school directress who is fondly called Teacher Mom by students and coteachers alike.

The students had been undergoing therapy prior to entering the classroom, better enabling them to focus, interact and keep up with the lessons. The school works closely with and follows the Individualized Education Program (IEP) that the special student's doctor has formulated based on the curriculum, so that the child learns the same things as the regular students, only at a different approach and pace.

Though almost all the special students are required to have a "shadow teacher," usually an occupational therapist, in the classroom at all times, Second Mom's teachers are required to attend seminars and workshops on Special Education to address the learning disabilities of the children.

Positive results

While Banal stresses that Second Mom is not a school for special children, it is open to mainstreaming because "it's going to be for the benefit of both the regular children and the differently gifted children. The regular children get to realize that not everyone is like them. They become more responsible for their classmates' growth and development. They become more caring. And vice versa, the differently gifted children can get to learn something from the regular children, like social interaction."

The results of mainstreaming have proven positive, with the first two special students to enter the school showing dramatic improvements.

Three-year-old Dianne, who has Down Syndrome, participates in all the toddler's activities, such as performing hand gestures during circle time, putting together puzzles and blocks during playtime, even jumping through hoops to the cheers of her classmates during music and movement period.

She watches what her classmates do and mimics them, wanting to carry out the tasks by herself. If she has trouble, she will watch others first before trying herself but she will always set out to accomplish a task on her own.

In the nursery and toddler's classroom, the children are always willing and ready to help Dianne. They enjoy playing with her.

Jared, 6, who has autism, is accompanied by a "shadow teacher" in the classroom and is able to keep up with the students' projects and activities throughout the day, such as making dinosaur dioramas and learning to chop fruits for making shakes and ice candy.

Elaine Riego de Dios, teacher for the Kinder section, attests that when Jared first entered Second Mom, he had difficulty focusing and very minimal speech but after almost two years he is now more verbal and attentive.

Second Mom's openness to mainstreaming is in line with its principle of education for all, and its commitment to the uniqueness of each child. It describes itself as a progressive institution for basic education with an approach that puts emphasis on the child and his/her development.

Expansion

For the next school year, Second Mom will be expanding to include Grade I. It is prioritizing enrollment of its own students, including former graduates whose parents, when they learned of the expansion, decided to bring back their children even though they had already begun studying in the traditional schools.

"We offer something as an alternative to the traditional approach," says Teacher Mom. The school utilizes the educational program developed by the International Baccalaureate Organization (IBO), the same program that can be found in international schools in the Philippines, albeit with less than half the cost of their tuition.

The IBO is a recognized leader in international education, encouraging students to be active learners, well-rounded individuals and engaged world citizens. It includes the Developmentally Appropriate Practices approach, which recognizes the child as an active participant of the learning process, a participant who constructs meaning and knowledge through interaction with others, friends and family, materials and environment.

"We take into consideration the individual differences of the children, the learning styles and the multiple intelligences," says Banal.

"In the traditional system, it's only the auditory and visual learners who are being addressed, and the tactile learners are left out, labeled slow and problematic children. But they're not. They just learn differently from the rest. So we try to use multi-approaches with the children to meet their different needs."

In keeping with this individual-specific program, the student-teacher ratio for first grade will be 15:1, a complete contrast to traditional schools where there can be as many as 50 students under one teacher.

Research-based

Each first grader will also have his own computer in the classroom with Internet connection since "we'll be teaching the children how to do research. Our approach is research-based, the inquiry approach," adds Teacher Mom.

The IBO inquiry approach takes a particular topic that interests the child, hence engaging them to inquire about it, teaching them how to persist and question for this leads to depth of understanding, and eventual reflection and action.

"So when they are older, they are not just people who memorize but process, reflect, inquire and act," says Banal.

"They are the future leaders of our country," she notes: "Imagine if they think this way—there's action right away; they have a conscience, social awareness. We might be making an impact on the country because of the human resources we are now training"

Second Mom Preschool is at Dorm 1, Philsports Complex, Ugong, Pasig City. Call 6352002/6359743 or email second.mom2000@yahoo.com.

TUTOR volunteers with students of Taberna National High School

Free tutoring for Leyte students

TUTORING TABERNA, A PARTnership between Tutor Volunteers and the Pasar Foundation Inc., provides free tutorial to fourth year high school students of the Taberna National High School in the towns of Isabel and Palompon in Leyte.

The program evolved from a desire by some employees of the Philippine Associated Smelting and Refining (Pasar) Corp. to help young people.

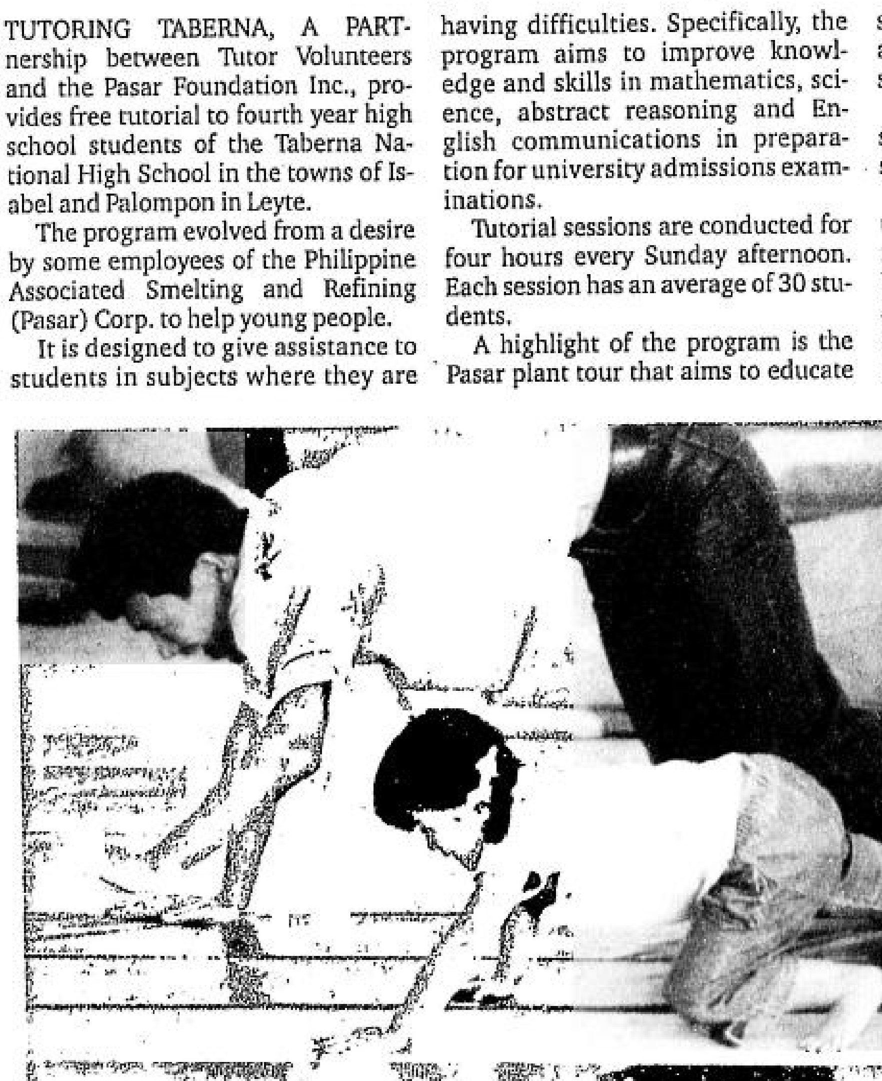
It is designed to give assistance to students in subjects where they are having difficulties. Specifically, the program aims to improve knowledge and skills in mathematics, science, abstract reasoning and English communications in preparation for university admissions examinations.

Tutorial sessions are conducted for four hours every Sunday afternoon. Each session has an average of 30 students.

A highlight of the program is the Pasar plant tour that aims to educate students about the plant's operations and other industries in Leyte. It also seeks to stress the value of education.

During the tour, the students get some insight on future jobs and professions.

Taberna National High School caters to 12 barangays: Cambacbac, Cangmoya, Cantandoy, Hinagbuan, Latosan, Rizal, San Guillermo, San Joaquin, San Pedro, Taberna, Tabunok and Tambis. Some 160 students are expected to graduate this school year.



THE LITTLE GYM (TLG), the premier provider of motor skill development programs for children, is now accepting students for its summer quarter which runs until May 20. Classes offered include parent-child classes for infants and toddlers, gymnastics, karate and sports skills for kids ages 3-12. Themes for this summer are based on Philippine songs that children are sure to enjoy, including "Saranggola ni Pepe," "Pumapatak ang Ulan" and "Sampung mga Daliri." The Little Gym offers children a safe, non-competitive and nurturing environment designed to build motor skills while having fun. It has branches in Alabang (tel. 8504060), Makati (8151735), Pasig-Mandaluyong (6372463) and East Quezon City (9299013).

CHS alumnae catch the spirit

HIGH SCHOOL CLASS 1956 OF THE HOLY Ghost College (now College of the Holy Spirit) had a grand reunion at their spiritual home, the Mendiola campus.

The event, with the theme Catch the Spirit, was attended by 70 of the class' 146 members.

Spearheading the reunion were Dr. Mely Castillo-Bulmer, Purita Rubio-Marcelo and Dr. Nenita Lee-Tan.

After the morning Mass at the auditorium, class representative Lee-Tan, together with class valedictorian Fe Buenaventura-Mangahas, handed over to CHS alumnae association president Menchu Dayrit-Padilla and Sr. Ancilla Elvena, S.Sp.S., CHS president, a symbolic ceramic dog figurine containing a pledge to provide funds for a state-of-the-art science laboratory, a stipend for teacher Luz Iturralde and possibly houses for the Gawad Kalinga Project in Barangay Holy Spirit.

Deserving alumnae were given awards: Elvira Cinco-Ablaza, BS Bio '72; Beatriz Ildefonso-Chalkley, HS '49; Milagros Eustaquio-Syme, HS '61; Rosa Alvarez-Mo, HS '65, BSFN '69; Alicia Santiago-Bustos, HS '47; Isabelita Tanseco-Salinas, for exemplary service in the field of Apostolate in the service of the church, HS '53; and Maria Gonzales-Goolsby, HS '55, in the field of banking and corporate social responsibility.

Hosts of the event were the Silver Jubilarians, HS Class '81. The auditorium was transformed into a Mardi Gras in Rio with jubilarians doing different dance numbers.

The Golden Girls did a fast Latin number that INQUIRER columnist Belinda Olivares-Cunanan described as purely *lakas ng loob*. Cristina Novenario-Eloriaga organized rehearsals that were hosted alternately by Rosario Nepomoceno-Rivera, Cora Suntay, Carmencita Cabrera-Manzano, Olivares-Cunanan, Betty Baron-Marcelo, Ofelia Morabe-Carague and Aida Zita-Reichert.

The women, in their mid-60s, wore Bobby Novenario creations with feathered headdresses for a 10-minute performance which included cha-cha, meringue, samba and mambo. The group included 15 *balikbayan* led by class salutatorian Rosie Miraflor-Labrador and first honorable mention Lily Lim-Uyham.

The night before the grand homecoming, Ditas Zamora-Lerma hosted a welcome dinner and the day after the reunion, Mary Jane Crisanto-Ortega, mayor of San Fernando, La Union, brought her classmates to her home city. On the way to La Union, the group heard Mass at the shrine of Our Lady of Manaoag and prayed for 18 classmates who had passed away.

On their way back to Manila, Marisol San Agustin-Gopez treated the group to a special Pampango dinner at her ancestral home in San Fernando, Pampanga.

The weeklong celebration ended with a potluck dinner at Indra Sehwani-Mirchandani's Alexandra condo.

MAYOR Mary Jane Crisanto-Ortega of San Fernando, La Union, with her classmates from the Holy Ghost College, high school class '56

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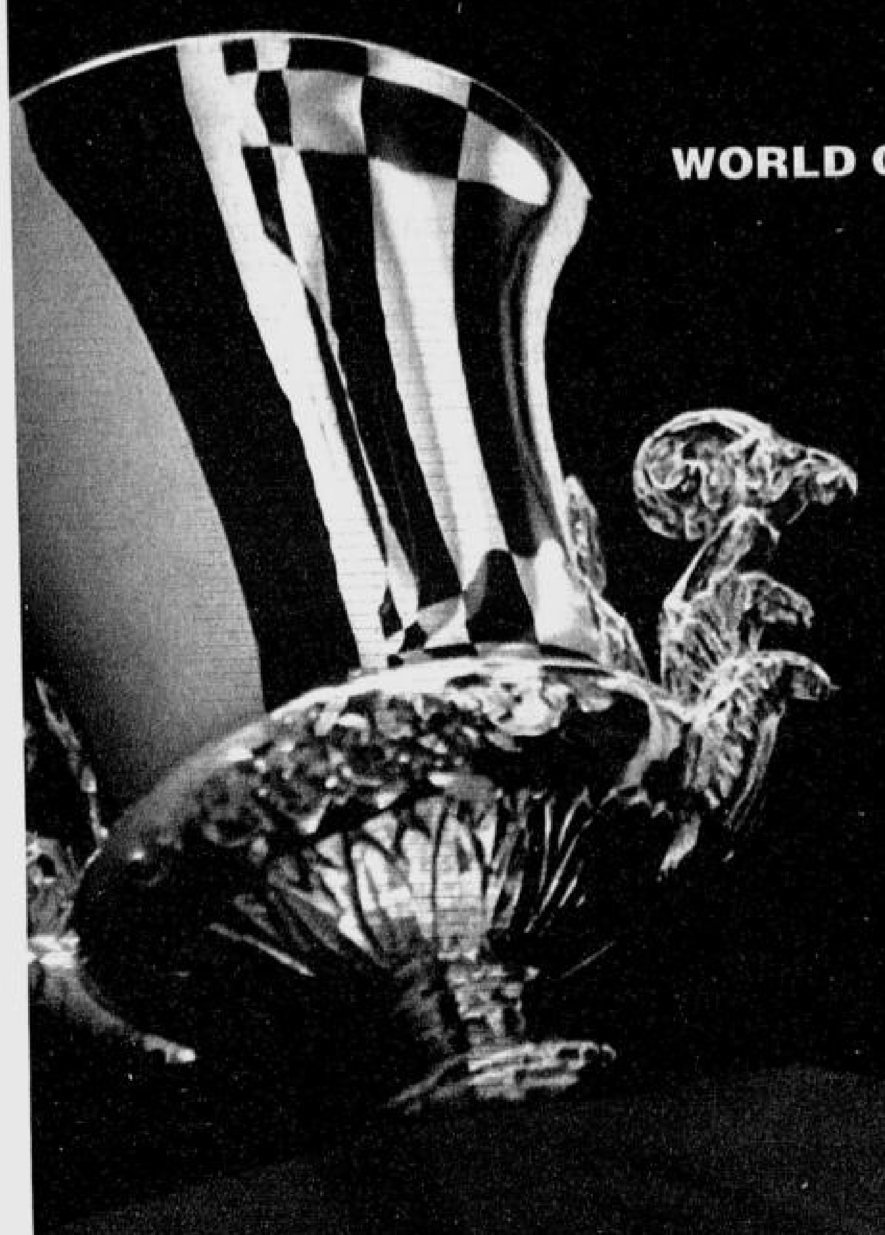

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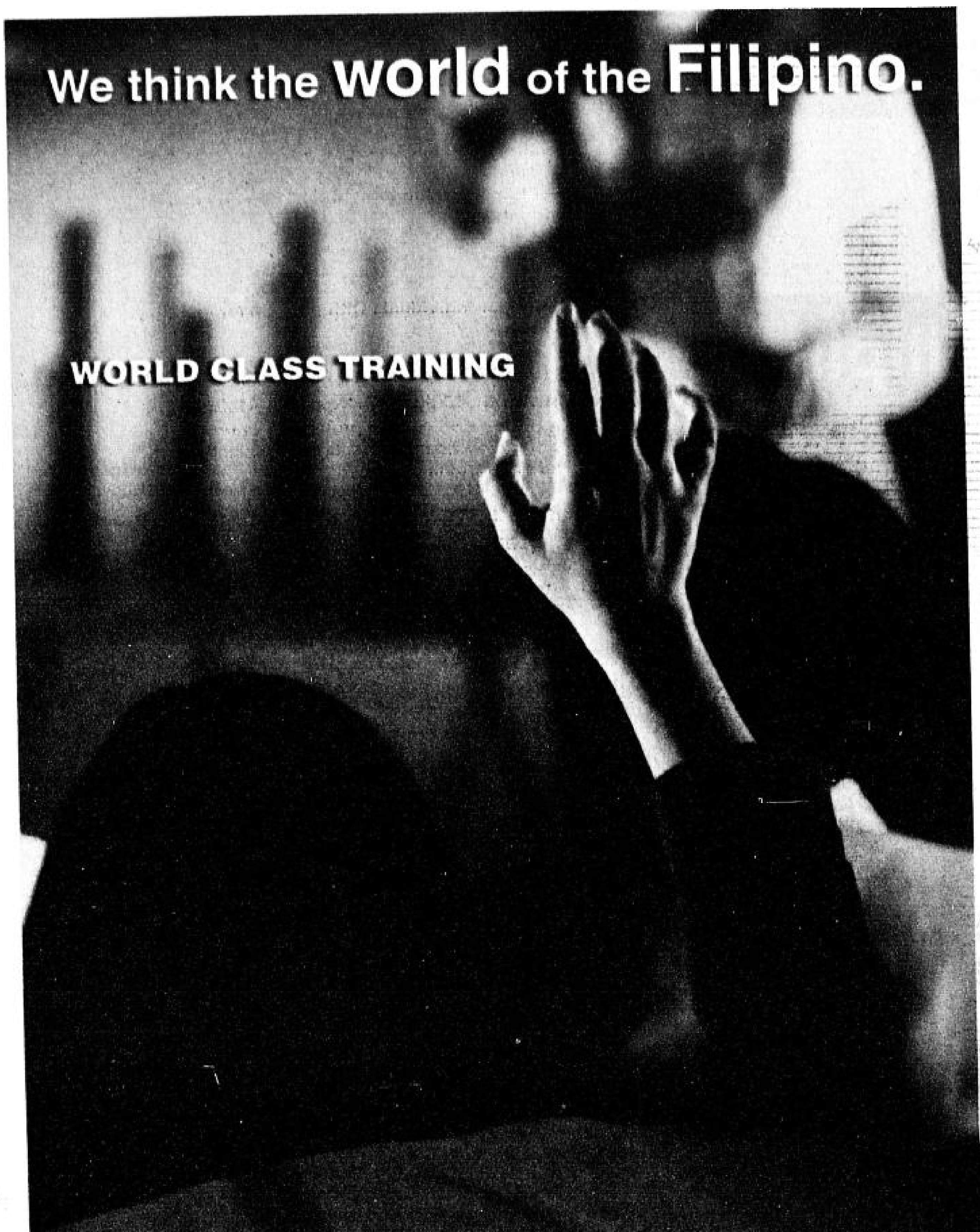

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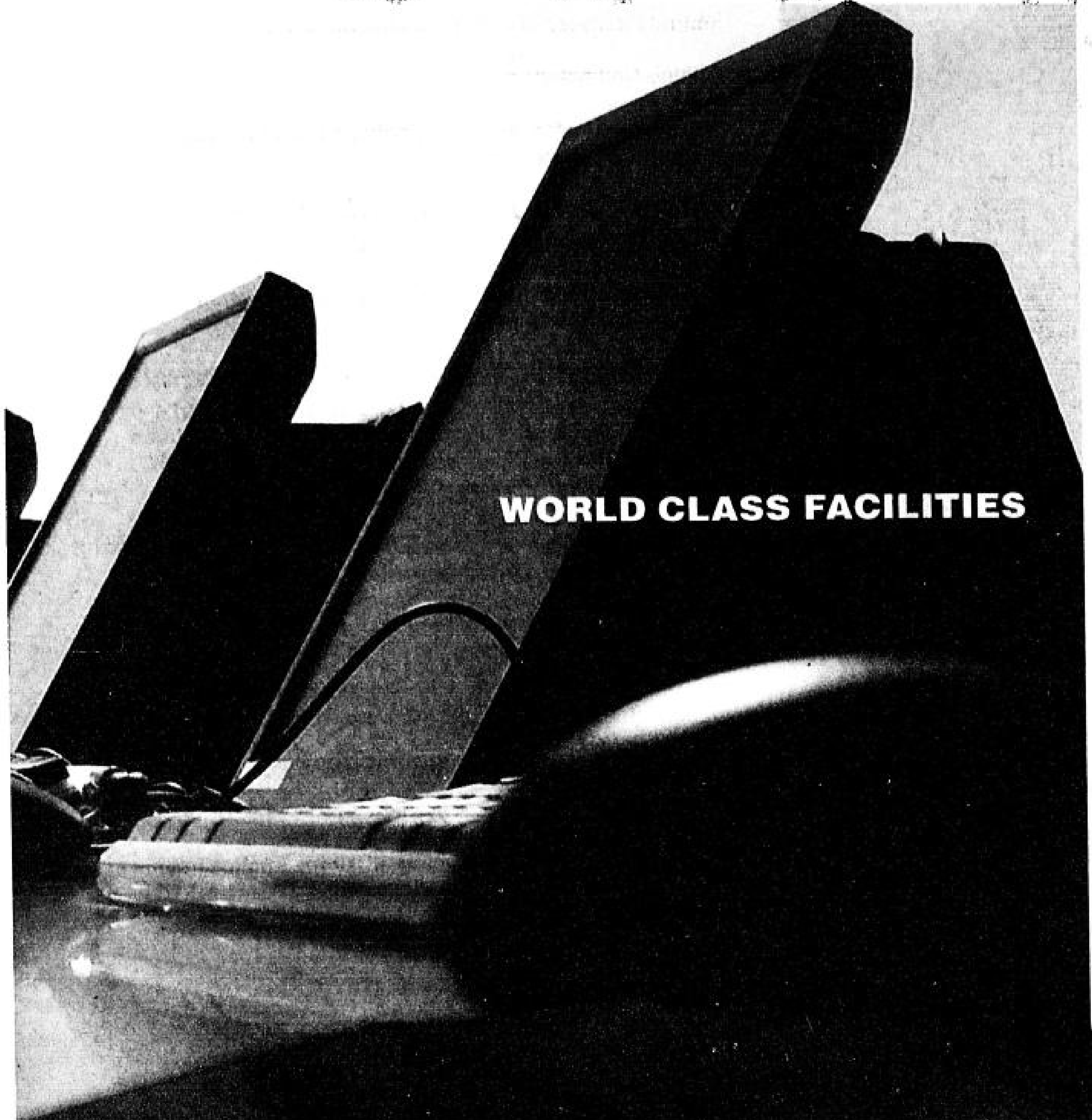

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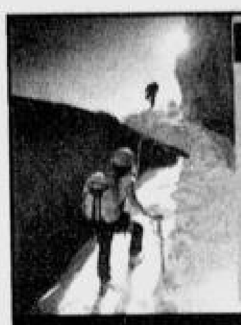

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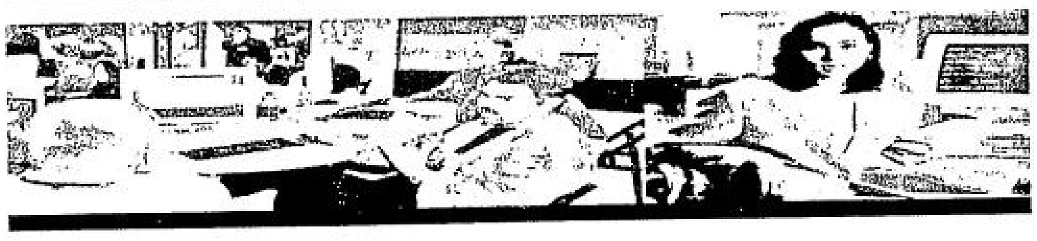

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- with excellent interpersonal and communication skills
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MANAGEMENT TRAINEE

Male/Female, 20-30 years old preferably with food service experience in any of the major food chains. Management or Supervisory experience a plus. College Graduate, preferably with a degree in Hotel & Restaurant Management, Marketing, Food Nutrition or any Management courses. He/She must have a pleasing personality, good inter-personal and communication skills. He/She should have good leadership and management skills and possess a strong desire to learn and grow. He must be flexible, analytical and can deal with people from different levels of the organization. Computer literacy, a definite advantage.

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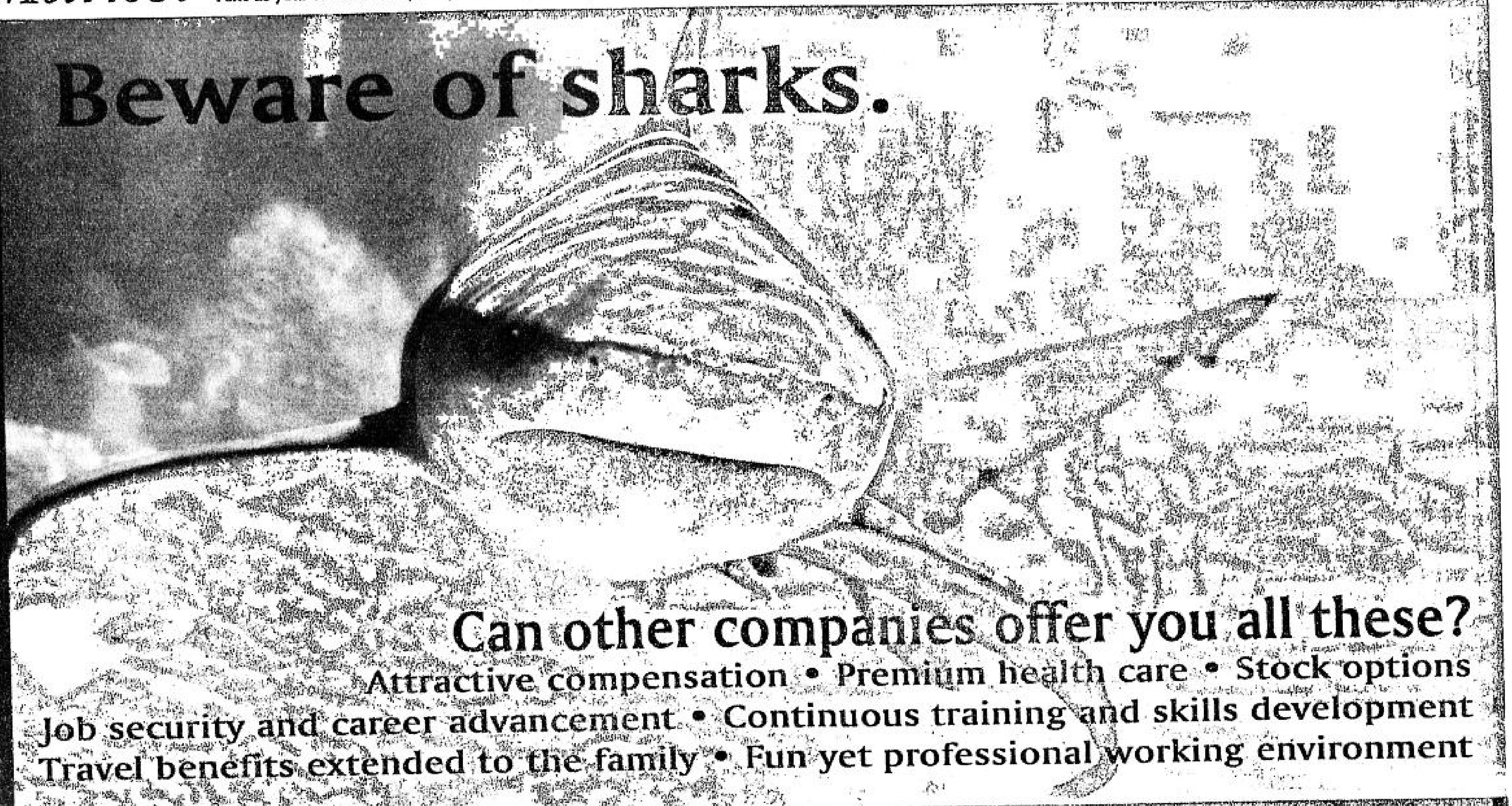

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- At least 1 to 2 years experience in hospital setting and in teaching;
- Training in quality care patient care;
- Proficient in oral and written communication.
- Graduate of any reputable schools

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- Graduate of any reputable schools.
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- Graduate of any reputable schools.

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- Computer Literate.
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- Graduate of any reputable schools

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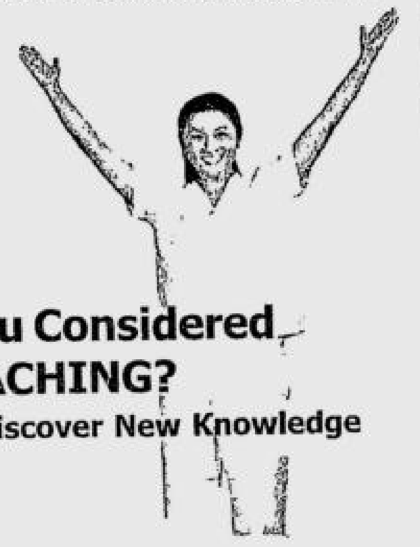

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- Can work with pressure/with sense of urgency

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- Must be PROFESSIONAL ELECTRICAL ENGINEER
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- Knowledge of Electrical works evaluation
- Knowledge in MS Excel

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- Must be computer literate (CADD/MS Office)

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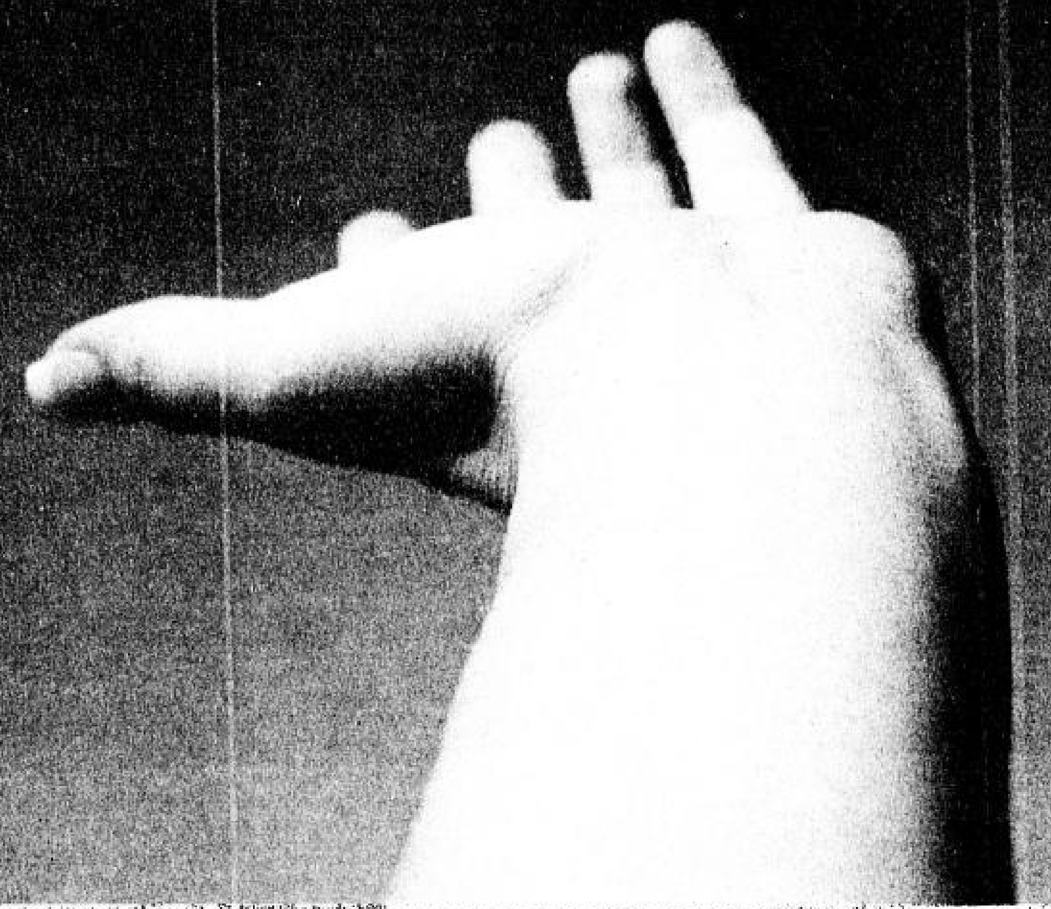

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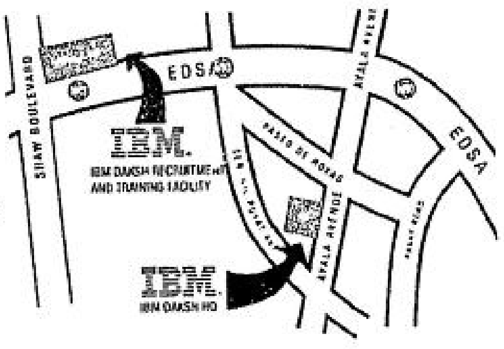

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- Competent in Strategic Planning, Decision-Making and Conflict Management

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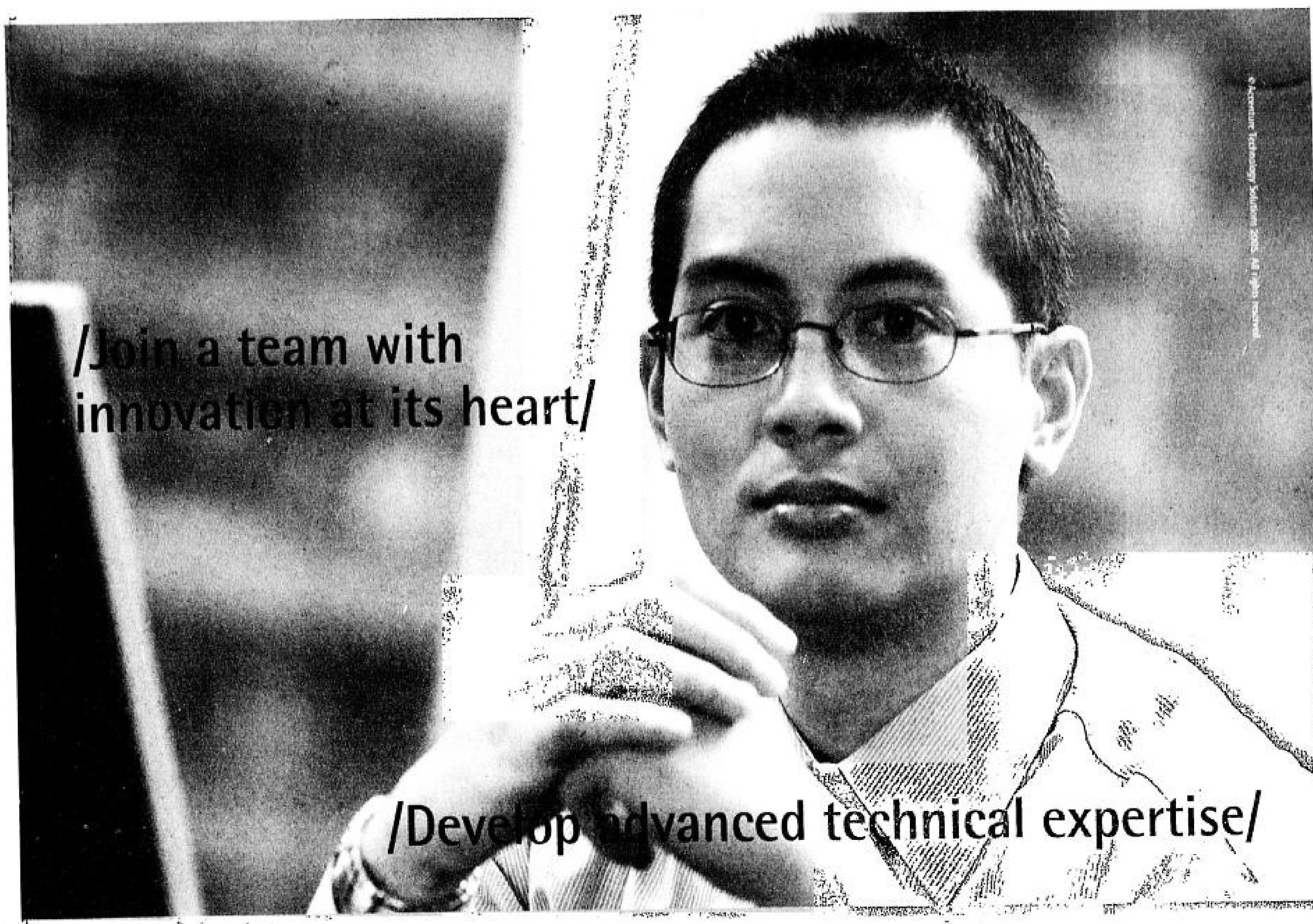
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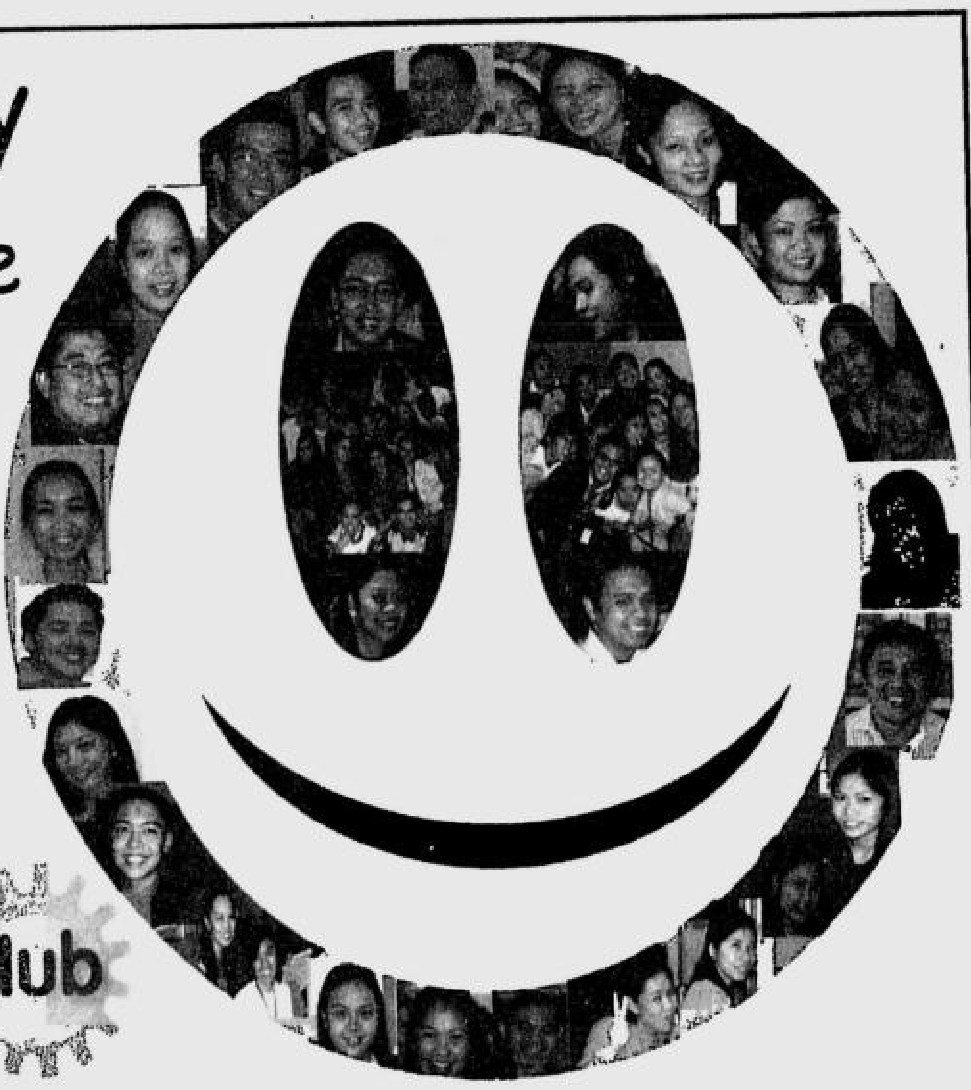

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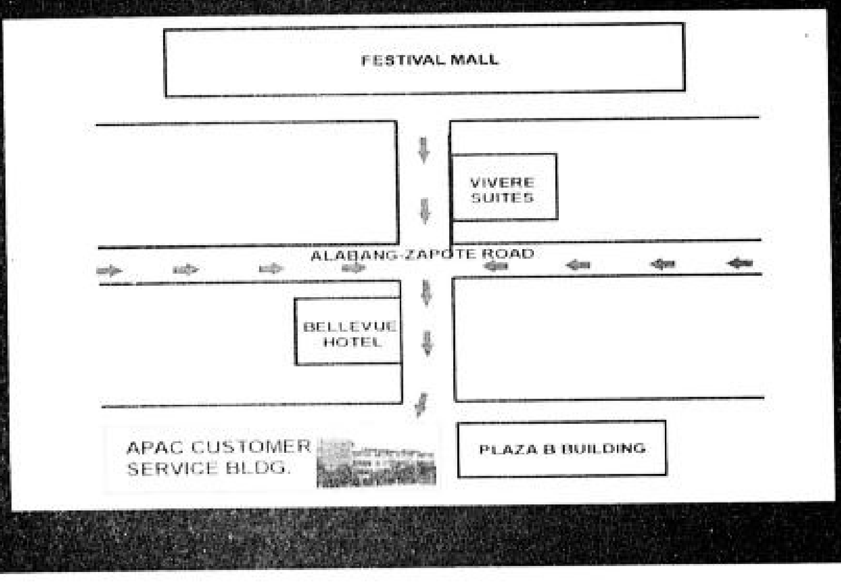

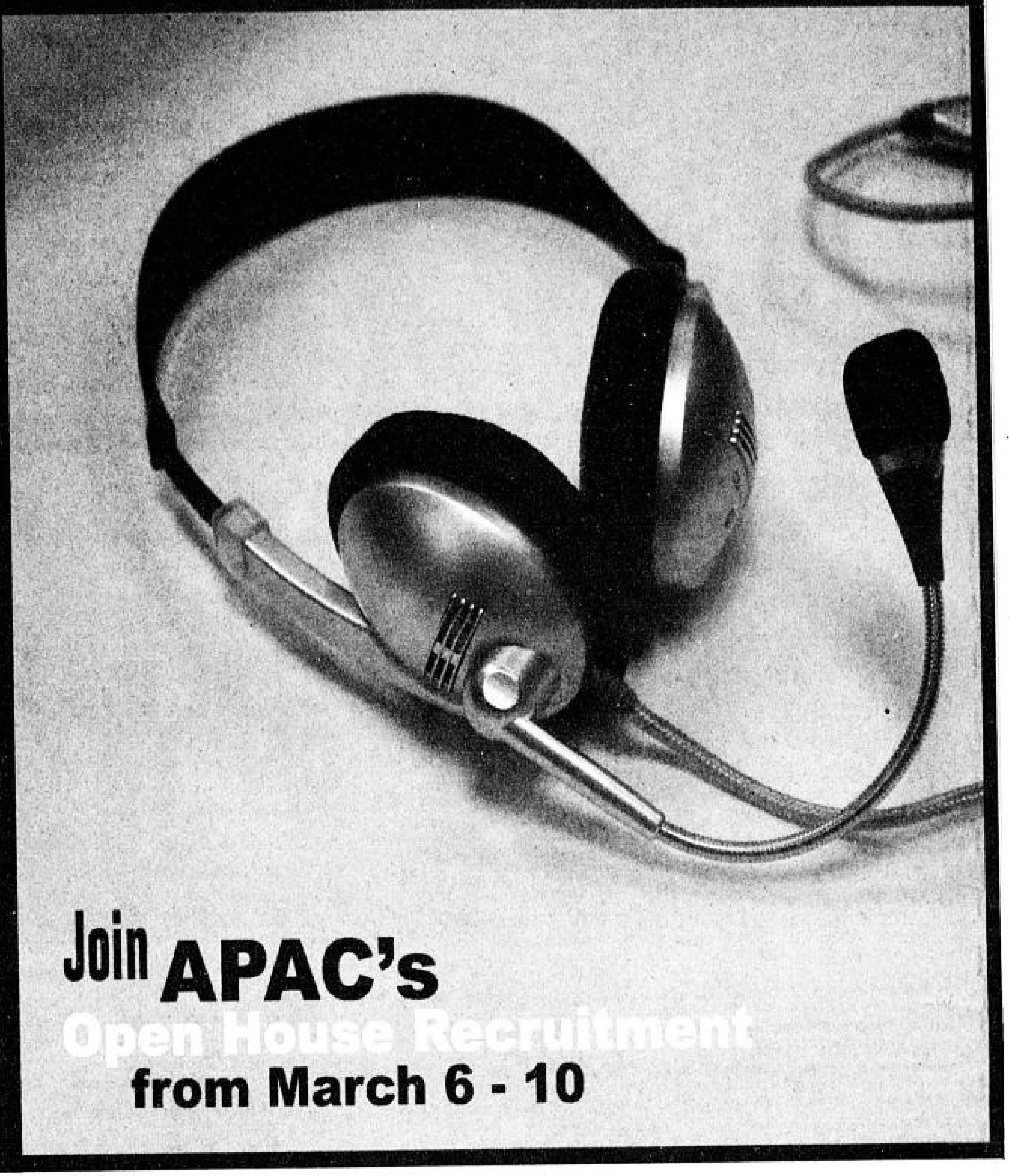

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Job Summary:
Shall be responsible for the overall coordination, functional management and leadership of all of the sales activities of BF-E

Qualifications:
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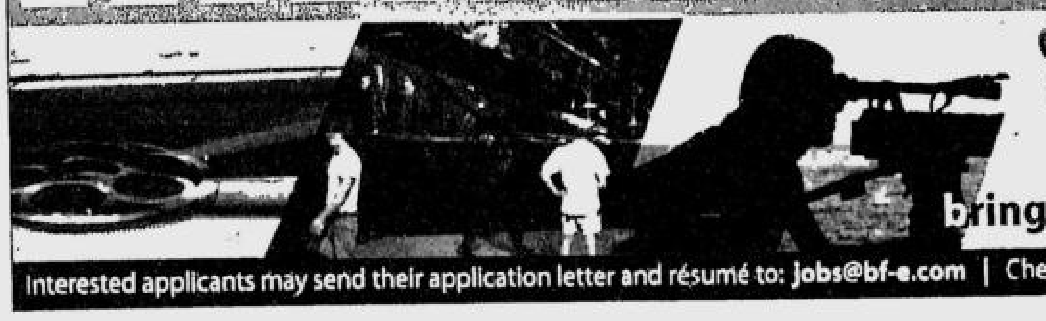

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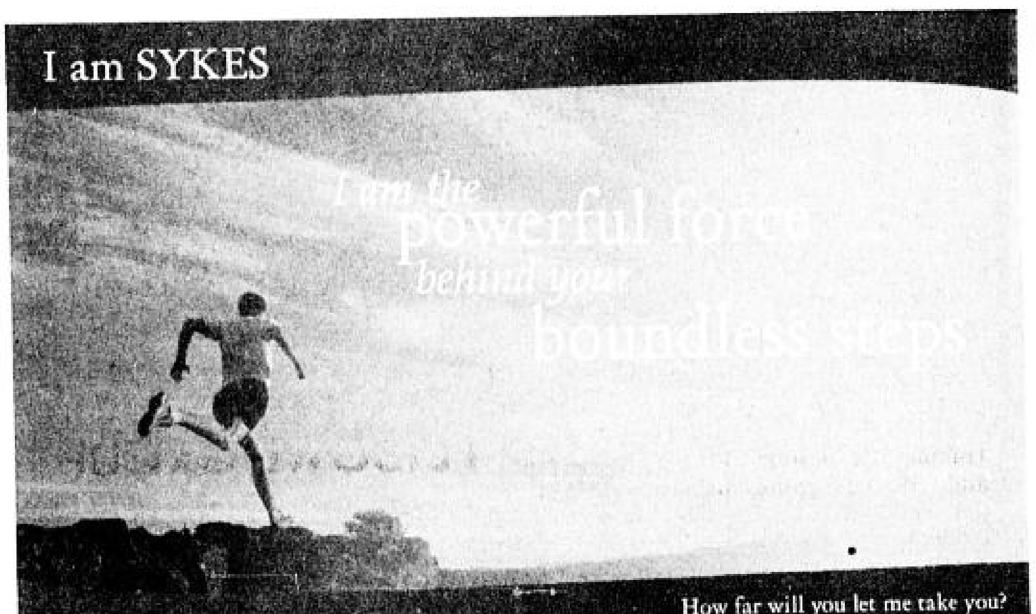

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"Globally, more than one million overseas employment contracts were processed, and a total of 981,677 documented OFWs were productively deployed worldwide in 2005, representing a growth of 5.2 percent compared to 933,588 in 2004" she said.

The Labor Chief said that the deployment of sea-based OFWs rose by more than eight (8) percent (or 18,705 more) to 247,707 in 2005, as compared to 229,002 in 2004.

While competition from other countries such as China, India, and Myanmar pose a threat to the deployment of overseas Filipino seafarers, the Philippines remains unfazed.

"On the maritime front in particular, the Philippines does not compete on cheap labor costs but on stringent adherence to international standards," the Labor Chief emphasized.

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She said that even on the crucial ship officers' and management area, the Philippines is now pushing quality thrusts to meet reliably the projected demand for some 35,000 officers in the next five to 10 years.

She revealed that Japan, one of the major host economies in the world relying on the overseas Filipino seafarers, has signified that it is ready to take the Filipino ship officers the country's training system would produce.

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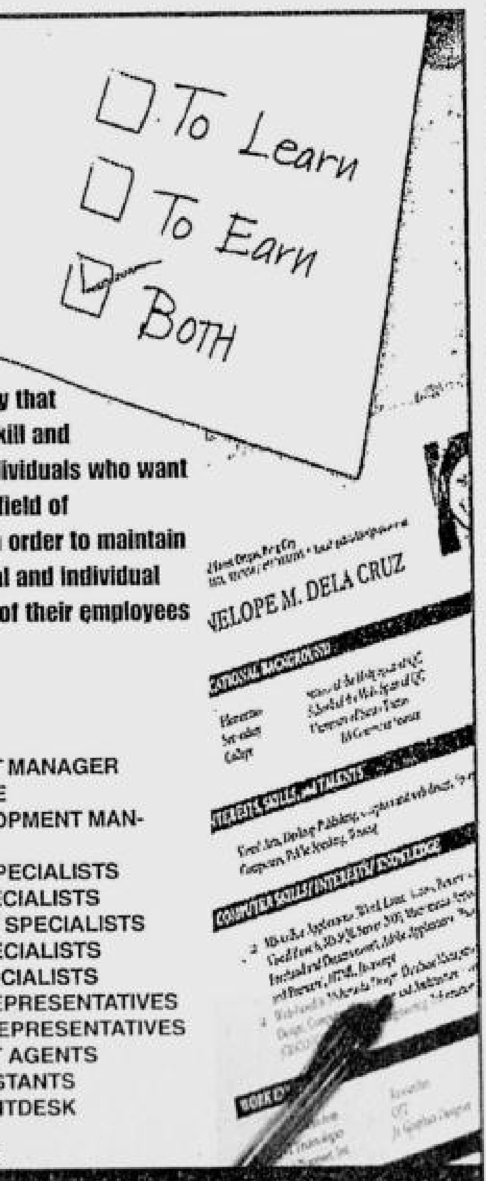

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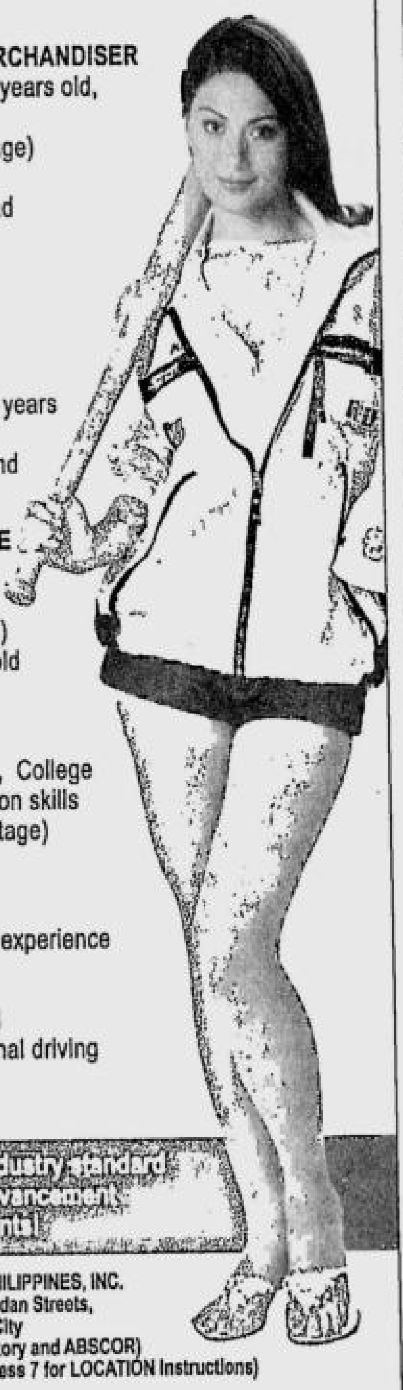

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Fight fair

By Teresa Reyes Tunay
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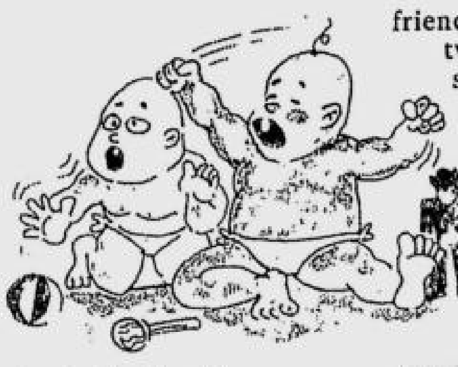
WHO HASN'T EVER GOTTEN into a fight? No one. Whether they're fist fights or verbal fights, all of us get into a fight at one time or the other. And since we spend most of our days at the workplace, most of these fights are likely to occur there. We must welcome these fights, so to speak—because without them work would be boring, and we will never experience the thrill of making up.



Fights could occur between coworker and coworker, employee and boss, friend and friend, between two workers and one supervisor, and indeed even involve whole departments!

Does fighting accomplish anything for people? Are there rules to follow in fighting—as in war? Can anything good at all come from fighting? Since fighting is inevitable in life, it is important to examine it. These pointers might help:

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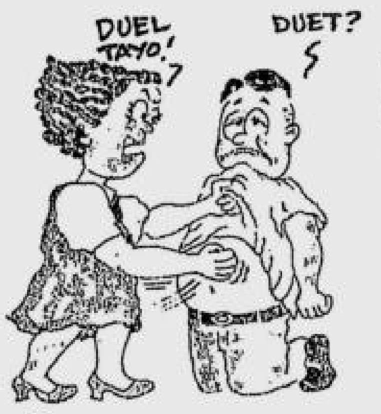
1 Find out what caused the fight. Why are you fighting in the first place? Sometimes you get mad over something very trivial and are embarrassed to admit it so you invent some reason to justify the fight. For example, you confront your coworker for taking your pen (which has become a habit with him) when you are really mad at him because he refused to punch your time card for you.


DUEL TAYO!
DUET?

2 Do you want to achieve anything from this fight? Winning is not the end-all and be-all of fighting. You get into a fight because you want to express your anger over something, to release tension and in so doing, reach a greater understanding of yourself and the other.

3 Fighting has its rules too. As much as possible, do not hit below the belt. Stay within boundaries: if you're fighting over an office procedure, don't drag in dirt about your opponent's personal life. This will open the door to more fights that will in the end destroy more than build people.

'KAIN MUNA TAYO.
I PROPOSE A DUET.

I'M A SINGER NOT A FIGHTER.

4 Observe good timing, too. When you are tense or tired, worried, hungry or still seething mad, don't enter into an argument. This is a good rule to observe at meetings where opposing points of view may surface and lead to damaging verbal battles.

5 Let cooler heads be present when disagreements are anticipated. They will be the proverbial "referees" when the issue tends to get out of hand. They can also help seek solutions to the problem by being go-betweens explaining one's side to the other.

6 Focus on the present issues. Don't deviate from the situation at hand or unearth decade-old arguments and grievances.

HANGGANG D'YAN KA LANG!

7 Knowing that fights are inevitable, be prepared to set goals. Say to yourself, "If I am forced to get into a fight because of this, I promise to..." having in mind to turn the bitter experience into an elixir for healthier and happier relationships.

A fight may stretch for hours and indeed, for days. When this happens, be thankful you are given time to examine its real underlying cause. You'll see that much of the time the issue is merely clouded by emotions: anger, resentment, the desire to retaliate, etc. Use the lull to distinguish emotion from feeling: emotions control you, you control feeling.

8 Make room for acceptance and forgiveness. Fighting is human and normal; if you never fight, you must be a mushroom, not a human being. Just as you learn to appreciate the sunny day after the storm, you go through a fight knowing that a stronger relationship will follow. Know this, and stay determined to use fights for the good, and it will always be a win-win situation for everyone concerned.

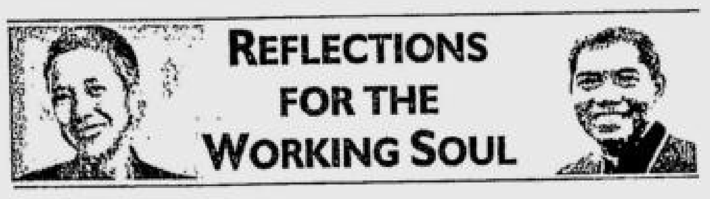
Temptations of the migrant

By Bishop Precioso D. Cantillas, SDB, DD

BY CELEBRATING THE NATIONAL MIGRANTS SUNDAY ON MARCH 5, the Catholic Church in the Philippines aims to make the faithful aware of the special difficulties of the more than eight million migrant Filipinos scattered in almost all parts of t he world and the problems of their families and children left behind. This situation is like a "desert experience," similar to what Jesus in today's Gospel went through—hardships, difficulties and also tricky temptations by the Evil One which lure them to desire and do things that will ultimately lead them to more misfortunes and eventual eternal disgrace.

Almost every Filipino migrant has his or her story to tell where all kinds of pains and sufferings, and hordes of complex temptations play the most part. Several studies and researches on the situation of the families and children left behind by migrant workers also reveal the sad and heartbreaking picture of otherwise happy and contented families. In spite of the high "social cost" of migration many Filipinos today continue to be lured by the temptation to gain more, and have more. Sadly, it appears that those who succeed in gaining more through hard work slowly tend to acquire the attitude of believing and trusting more in themselves than in the God who is the Giver of all things.

The greatest temptation every migrant Filipino—and all of us (migrants/pilgrims here on earth) for that matter—have to grapple with, is to trust only in ourselves and our capabilities and put aside our inner need of a loving God. Let us, therefore, believe in and be one with Jesus so that we may find the strength to overcome such temptations as He did. (*E-mail the author at* mfvg@skyinet.net)



REFLECTIONS FOR THE WORKING SOUL

Gospel: Mark 1:12-15

At once the Spirit drove him out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan.

Regular exercise

By Teresa R. Tunay, OCDS

JUST AS I WAS ABOUT TO BEGIN WRITING THIS REFLECTION, A PRIEST (whose dedication to his work I really bow to) popped into my office, and said he wanted me to be among the first to know that he had applied for dispensation—meaning he wants to leave the priesthood. I was shocked, so sad for the Church! I had thought he was bishop material. He gave some reasons and I, ever lamenting such developments, pleaded with him to think things over, go on sabbatical, ask for a transfer, blah-blah-blah ... I truly saw him as one darned good (if misunderstood) priest, but now he wants out because he "couldn't take it anymore"... As he continued to give his reasons for quitting, he got to reveal he'd been keeping a family for almost 10 years now! No, I'm not about to judge him for I trust God's wisdom and omniscience, but human as I am his case made me think about temptation.

Whatever kind of work we do, temptations abound at the workplace—from small ones, like the temptation to filch a box of paper clips, to shark-size ones, like the pull to tamper with documents in order to make a quick million out of a shady deal. We may think we are morally aware and therefore we are beyond temptation, but in reality we know we can never be sure of our strength when enticed. Jesus in today's Gospel could be our lifesaver in the face of temptation. But just like with our muscles, we need regular exercise to build strength; we don't become weightlifters overnight. Our daily efforts to know, love and unite with Jesus serve as our spiritual exercises that sharpen our discernment so that we come to see the ultimate consequence of wrongdoing long before the opportunity to do wrong presents itself. (*E-mail the author at* teresa_de_manila@yahoo.com)

Flexitime

By Joseph Sanchez

PEOPLE AT WORK Pulse

IN HIS BOOK "FREE AGENT Nation," author Daniel Pink wrote that we are moving from the age of Taylorism (standardized work arrangement as preached by Frederick Taylor) to the age of Tailorism (customized work arrangement "tailor-fit" to the needs of the individual). Perhaps one sign that this age of customization has arrived is the prevalence of the flexitime program.

Flexitime, refers to the practice where the employee has a certain degree of freedom in selecting when to work, i.e. customizing the work schedule to fit the needs of the individual. This seemingly simple and mundane practice has spawned numerous claims—from decreasing absenteeism to improving employee and so this poll seeks to validate the flexitime concept thru the Filipino employees' experience.

Usage of flextime program

Respondents to this study were mostly female (70.4 percent) but there is almost an equal percentage of single (51.9 percent) and married (48.1 percent) respondents. Respondents ranged from 25 to 57 years with a mean age of 33 years old. They represented a variety of industries, the largest number belonged to the academe (37 percent).

Majority of the respondents work in an organization with a flexitime program (70 percent)—however, the actual percentage of respondents who are actually part of the flexitime program of the organization was much lower (52 percent) suggesting flexitime may not be applicable to all members of the organization. Companies with flexitime were from consulting, arts, government, airline or financial services.

Implementation

The kinds of flextime programs experienced by the respondents varied. Some flexitime arrangements entailed flexible starting and ending time of work but fixed number of hours per day (26 percent). Other arrangements involved flexible number of daily hours per day but fixed number of hours per week (26 percent). Nineteen percent report other flexitime arrangement. One respondent mentioned that he is required to complete 40 hours per week, but in that week, he has one 24-hour duty and one 16-hour duty. Another respondent said flexitime is on an as need basis. When discussing these flexitime schedules, most respondents say they approach their direct supervisor (52 percent) while a smaller number say they approach Human Resources (19 percent).

Perceived impact

The top three perceived benefits of a flexitime program are: 1) avoidance of traffic and rush hour when coming to work (56 percent), 2) better scheduling of the workforce to coincide with the changing workload (56 percent), and 3) decreased tardiness/absenteeism (52 percent). A large number of respondents also perceived that the impact of flexitime consisted of an increase in leisure or family time (44 percent) and decreased employee stress (48 percent). Not surprisingly, a large majority of the respondents believed that there organization should continue or must have a flexitime program (89 percent).

Flexitime is not without its drawbacks—such as decreased contact or supervision time or even higher utility costs. However, the survey shows that workers perceive that flexitime as generally beneficial and there appears to be some acceptance of this kind of work arrangement among Filipino employees. Perhaps more organizations are realizing the happier and more productive workers far outweigh the costs.

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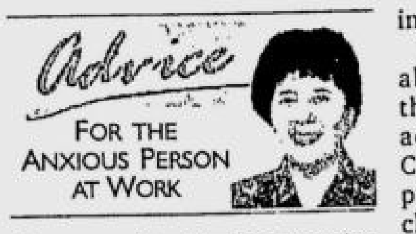
Manager wants to be coached to become effective



Advice
For the Anxious Person at Work

I AM AN ENGINEER BY PROfession and the operations manager of our company. My superior is satisfied with my performance. However, I feel rather inadequate because I have no formal education in handling people except for one or two training programs. I realize that a good manager achieves results through people. Often, I would be impatient for results and really show it. I want to be candid and straightforward to people thinking my people will understand where I am coming from. But I get opposite results. I find them discouraged and two of the people I want to keep and develop have signified their desire to leave the company.

I want to try executive coaching. Do you think an executive coach is what I need? Do you think I should be open to my boss about my need? Or should I just work on my weak area by myself? Does your company do executive coaching? What criteria should I use to find out the best coach for me? Please advise.

Want to be Coached

In the west, executive coaching has become a billion dollar industry. The reason is, just like you, many executives want to be helped to address their improvement areas. Executive coaching is now considered as commonplace as offering an executive to take graduate studies or a management executive program.

Congratulations for recognizing the need for expert help. The tougher alternative is for a person to go for coaching sessions mandated by his superior while in a state of denial.

Disclose to boss

In my view, it is better if you disclose your need to go for behavior based coaching to your superior. The boss may just offer to pay for the coaching service. And you might want to get suggestions from him on specific behaviors that could improve your function's performance. The boss may be more than willing to share his thoughts with you. Your enhanced ability to deal with behavioral issues will benefit you as a person and as a professional but also the organization.

Based on my experience, several components make for successful coaching. It takes a sensitive and personally integrated coach and a coachee who is open to improvement.

Partnering relationship

The first component is the willingness of the coachee to work on one's self and take the initiative to change. This requires openness to feedback and the ability to reflect and act. Often, the coachee would need to challenge his long held beliefs to start to transform himself.

The second component is the partnering relationship between coach and coachee. Coaching norms that engender trust, confidence, the ability to process and withhold judgment are important for building a healthy relationship.

The third compoent is the ability of the coach to move the coachee to identify and achieve high impact goals. Coachees and their bosses expect to see high impact change often in behaviors and in results. They come out disappointed when their expectations are not met. So a consulting session should be dedicated to identifying clear expectations. The goal in your case it is to achieve long-term change in interpersonal behavior. The expected results are better relationships and more effective ways of motivating and retaining people

Valid data

The fourth component is having available valid data. Typically, we do this through a 360-degree survey getting data from superiors, peers, subordinates and the coachee's own assessment. The survey in our case has a framework, structure and questionnaire and a formal report is developed. In other cases, the coach can do a series of interviews of the same people using less structured methods.

Finally, the coach must have the appropriate chemistry, expertise, and experience that will enable him or her to provide powerful insights useful to the coachee's improvement goals and actions. Thanks for writing.

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St. Luke's Medical Center is an independent, non-sectarian, non-stock, not-for-profit organization governed by an all-volunteer Board of Trustees whose members do not receive nor seek remuneration, perks, or privilege. There are no dividends given at the end of the year, instead, every peso earned reverts back to the Medical Center and is invested to provide the best medical facilities, expertise, and fund the charity program. St. Luke's Medical Center is better equipped than 95% of all U.S. hospitals.

St. Peter

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Sykes Enterprises, Inc.

Sykes Enterprises, Inc. was founded in 1977, in North Carolina by John Sykes. SYKES is headquartered in Tampa, Florida and operates 42 customer contact centers, five e-commerce fulfillment centers, and 16 branch offices on five continents. With global capabilities in over 31 languages, approximately 19,000 employees, SYKES continues to diversify and expand our global customer base.
SYKES is the global leader in providing customer contact management solutions and services in the business processing outsourcing (BPO) arena. SYKES provides an array of sophisticated customer contact management solutions to Fortune 1000 companies around the world primarily in the communications, financial services, healthcare, technology, and transportation and leisure industries.

Teleperformance

Teleperformance is a world leader in telemarketing and contact centers outside the United States. Its infrastructure, its strengths, its results, and its strategy bear out this fact.
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Teletech Customer Management Phils, Inc.

For more than 20 years, TeleTech has managed the customer experience for some of the world's best-known companies. Our focus is on managing business processes and customer interactions that drive an optimal consumer experience. This customer-focused strategy is designed to generate specific results – from new business to increased customer wallet share enhanced loyalty and satisfaction – as well as to contribute to the long-term growth and profitability of our clients.
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UBIX Corp.

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China Bank

Chinabank was incorporated on July 20, 1920 and commenced business on August 16 of the same year as the first privately owned local commercial bank in the Philippines.

Chinabank was listed on the local stock exchange in 1947; became the first bank in Southeast Asia to process deposit accounts on-line in 1969, and the first Philippine bank to offer telephone banking in 1988. It was in 1991 that the bank acquired its universal banking license. Today, it is the first bank in Southeast Asia to run on the Dimension software by Kirchman Corporation of Florida and the latest IBM ES9000 hardware to support its aggressive expansion plans. Now, anyone can bank virtually anytime and anywhere with Chinabank On-line that features mobile and Internet banking channels.

Citi Group Inc.

Citigroup Inc. is today's leading financial services company, with approximately 200-million customer accounts in more than 100 countries. Our history dates back to the founding of Citibank in 1812, Bank Handlowy in 1870, Smith Barney in 1873, Banamex in 1884, and Salomon Brothers in 1910.

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Epixtar Corp.

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eTelecare Global Solutions

eTelecare Int'l, Inc. and Phase 2 Solutions, Inc., two of the world's leading call center outsourcers, are now doing business as eTelecare Global Solutions. The companies, which merged in May 2004 when the Philippine-based eTelecare acquired US-based Phase 2 Solutions, announced the name change as part of a broader strategy of offering clients location-independent solutions. The name draws on the heritage of both companies, which were pioneers in the outsourcing business.

As one company, eTelecare Global Solutions has more than 30 clients and revenues of over $125 million. The company has eleven call center, four in the Philippines and seven in the US, with a total of more than 8,000 employees.

ICT Group

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John Clements

John Clements Consultants, Inc was founded in November 1974 by the late Mr. Leocadio J. Dominguez, an accomplished Corporate Executive and CPA with an MBA from Harvard Business School together with Mr. John W. Clements, a well-known Psychology Consultant in Australia. During that time, Executive Search was the pioneering business and flagship of the John Clements Consultants Group. As the pioneer in the industry, John Clements Consultants had to educate the market before creating a market niche.

After overcoming the challenges of growth for almost three decades the company now stands stronger than ever. From its initial venture in executive search, other divisions and companies have been formed comprising the John Clements Consultants Group.

Lake Washington Communications

Link2Support

L2S is a privately held company that was incorporated in September 2001 with the Offshore Incorporations Limited at Tortola, British Virgin Islands. It is also registered as an Ecozone IT Enterprise with the Philippine Economic Zone Authority (PEZA).

L2S started it's operations in May 2002 and currently maintains a 600-seat contact center in one of the more prestigious IT zones in Manila, Philippines. L2S's Contact Center was initially established to provide technical support to the business and home users of Linksys products around the world. Because of its experience working with Linksys, L2S has developed a specialized knowledge in wireless technology related products. This result to an increased number of services offered that aid in technical support. These services have been tagged as Value Added Services (VAS).

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PeopleSupport

PeopleSupport, co-founded by Lance Rosenzweig in 1998, was built on his vision for the next generation of customer care. With the advent of the Internet, Lance saw the opportunity that companies now had to interact with their customers through many more communication channels - voice, email, web collaboration/live text chat, and self-service. However, there was a need to support this interaction and manage all the contact information. Lance created PeopleSupport around the need to address this void in multi-channel customer care.

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PJ Lhuillier

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PLDT

PLDT is a full service provider of voice, video and data services. Founded on November 28, 1928, its Charter extends until 2028, which authorizes the Company to provide virtually every type of telecommunications services in the Philippines. These services include digital leased lines for domestic and international communications, high-speed data transmission, high-performance packet switching service and private networking.

Upon the entry of First Pacific Corporation in 1998, PLDT has transformed itself into a technology conglomerate by focusing not only on fixed lines & data services, but also on wireless and Internet services. PLDT has acquired 100% of Smart through a share-swap with NTT Communications of Japan, to take on wireless services, while it has established a new corporation in ePLDT which shall serve as the principal corporate vehicle of the Group's Internet, e-commerce, call center and broadcast initiatives.

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Searchers & Staffers Corp.

Searchers & Staffers Corp. was organized in August 1990 by a group of SEARCH practitioners who specialize in executive placement. In November 1995, SL TEMPS was created as a division of SEARCHERS & STAFFERS to cater to the needs of clients for Project Hiring, Manpower Service Contracting, HR and Payroll Outsourcing, Promo and Merchandizing and hiring for short-term on-call assignments.

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SM Mall of Asia

The SM Supermalls have spearheaded what is known as the malling lifestyle in the Philippines, wherein malls have become gathering places where family members and friends can shop, eat, and have fun together. More than being shopping, leisure, and entertainment destinations, SM's supermalls have been catalysts for business and employment in the communities they serve.

There are currently twenty three malls owned and operated by SM Prime Holdings, the country's largest owner and developer of shopping malls. Totaling more than 2.5 million square meters in great shopping and leisure space, these are visited by more than 1.5 million customers everyday. Five more scheduled to open this year, including the Mall of Asia, which is envisioned to be the premiere destination mall in the Asia-Pacific region.

SM Supermalls

The SM Department Store chain is the acknowledged trendsetter and innovator in the Philippine retail scene. Its exciting merchandise mix, world class interiors, one-stop shopping concept, service, and value-plus pricing has made it part of the lives of many Filipinos.

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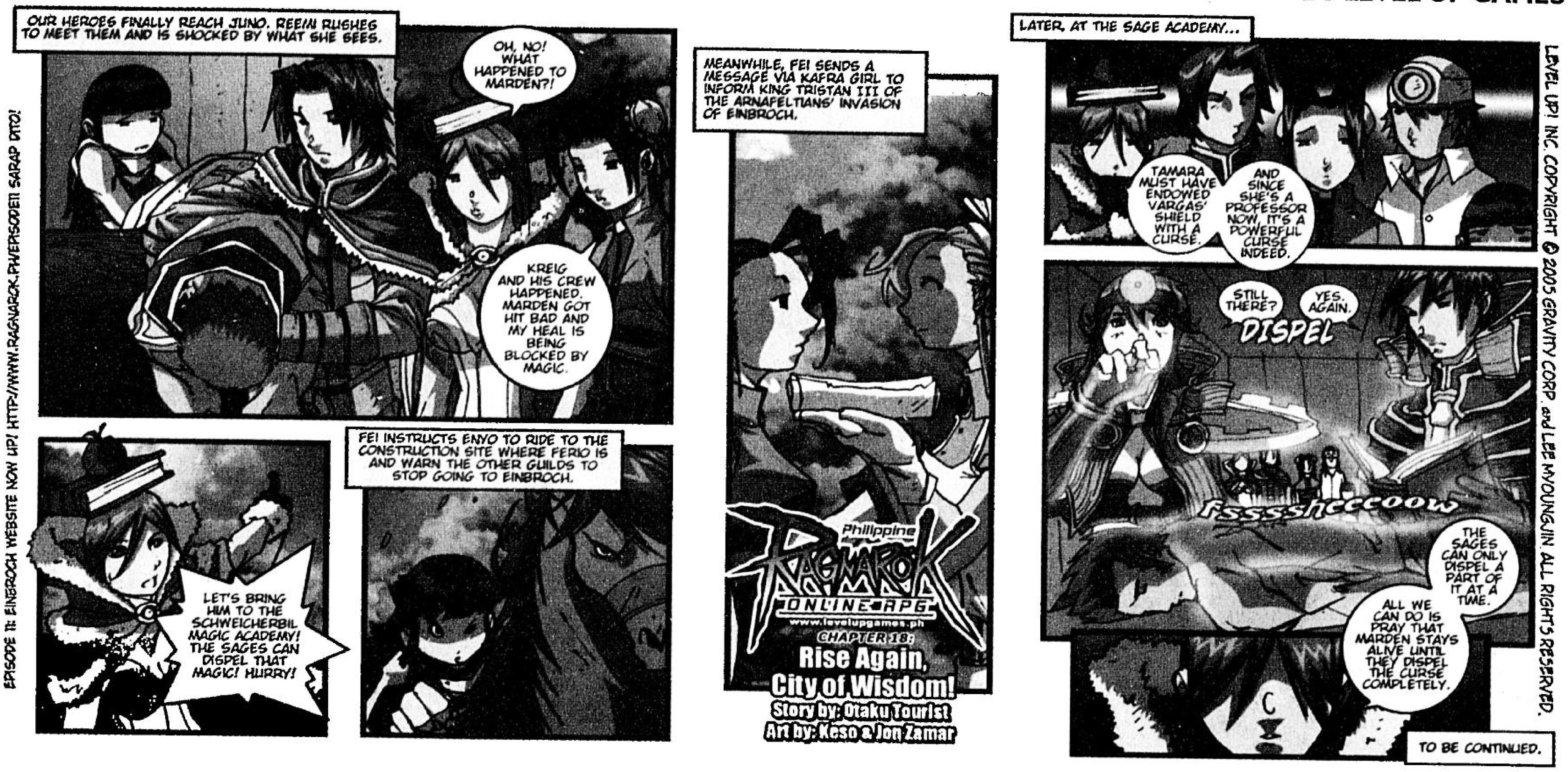
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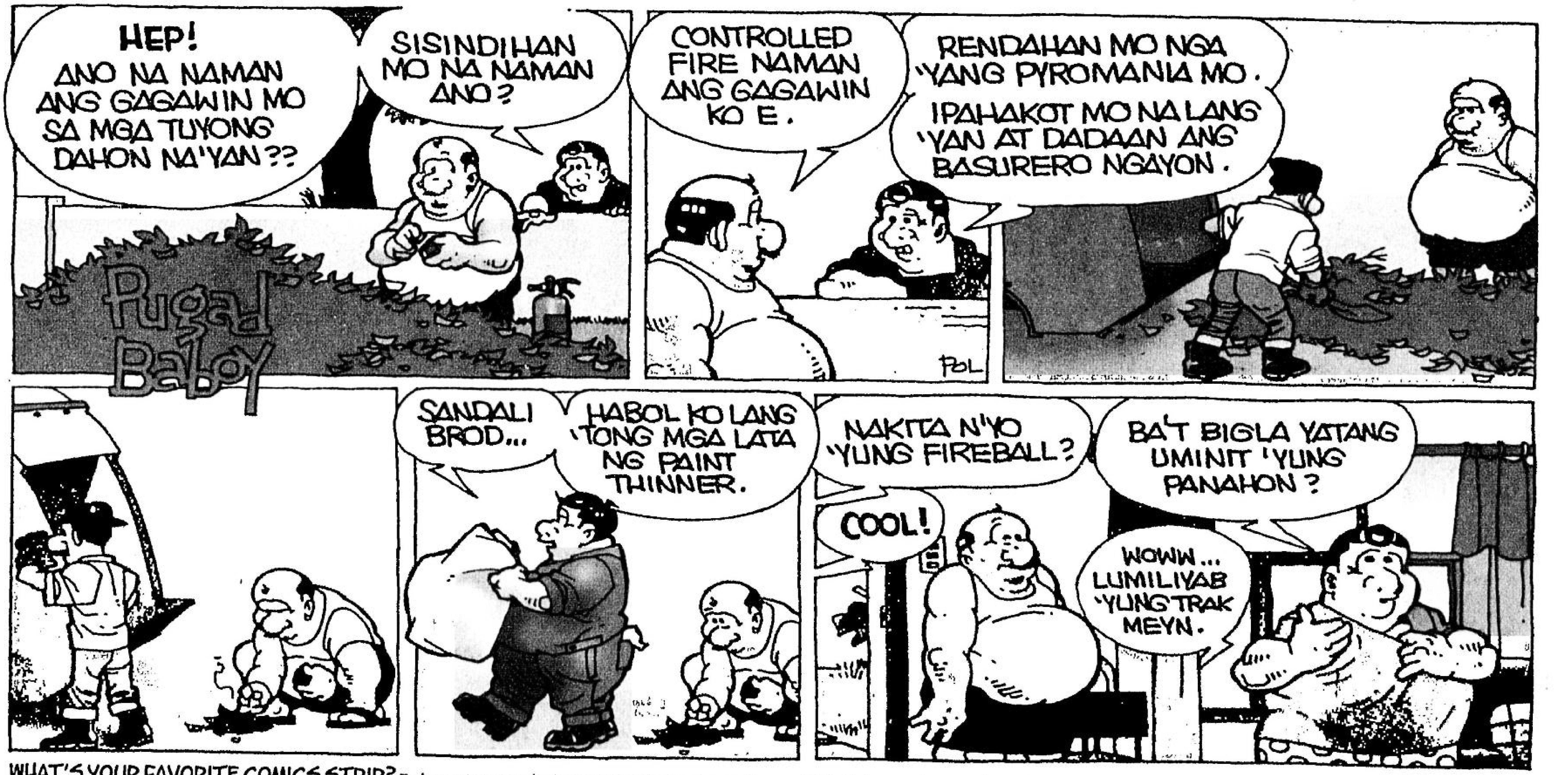
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RENDAHAN MO NGA 'YANG PYROMANIA MO.
IPAHAKOT MO NA LANG 'YAN AT DADAAN ANG BASURERO NGAYON.
POL
SANDALI BROD...
HABOL KO LANG 'TONG MGA LATA NG PAINT THINNER.
NAKITA N'YO 'YUNG FIREBALL?
COOL!
BA'T BIGLA YATANG UMINIT 'YUNG PANAHON?
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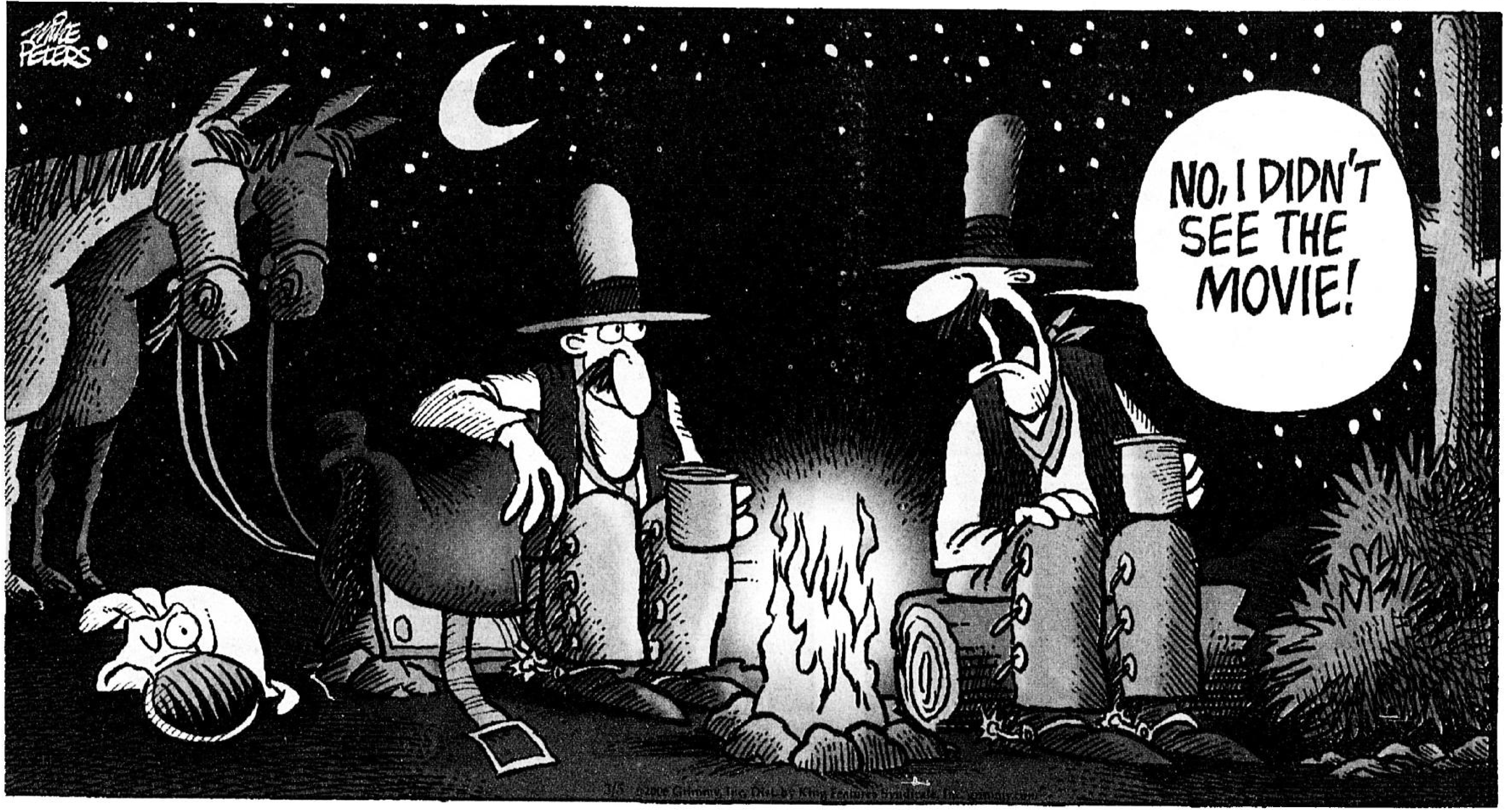
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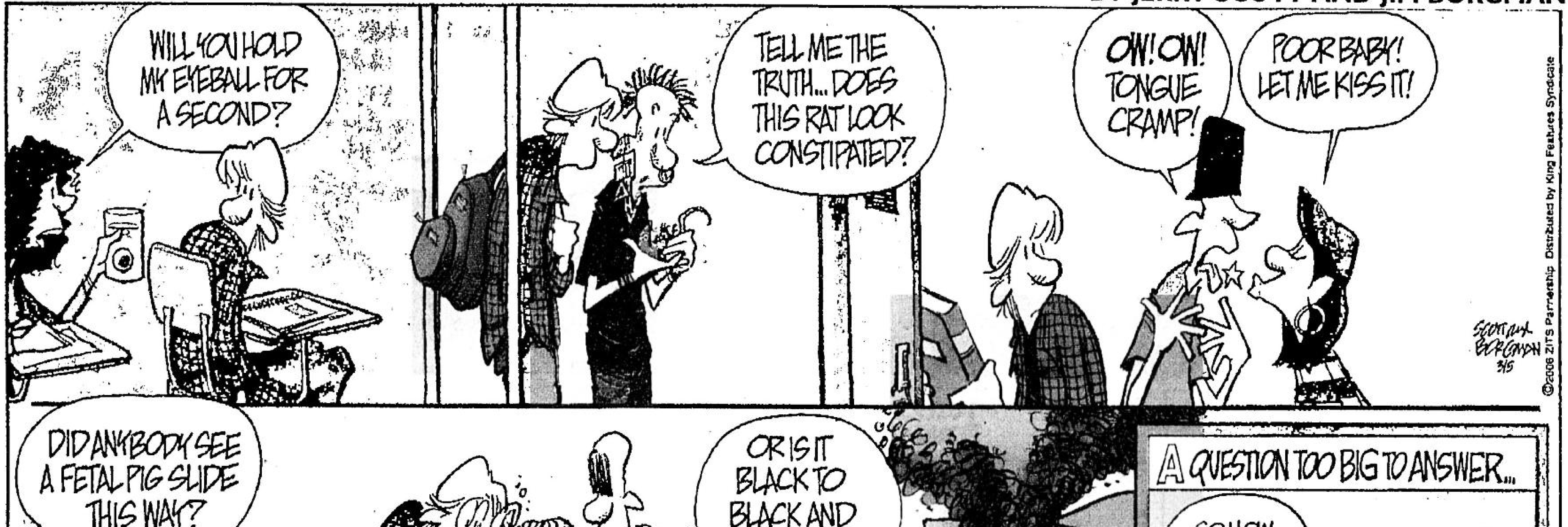
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TELL ME THE TRUTH... DOES THIS RAT LOOK CONSTIPATED?
OW! OW! TONGUE CRAMP!
POOR BABY! LET ME KISS IT!
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DOES THIS SMELL NORMAL TO YOU?
OR IS IT BLACK TO BLACK AND RED TO RED...?
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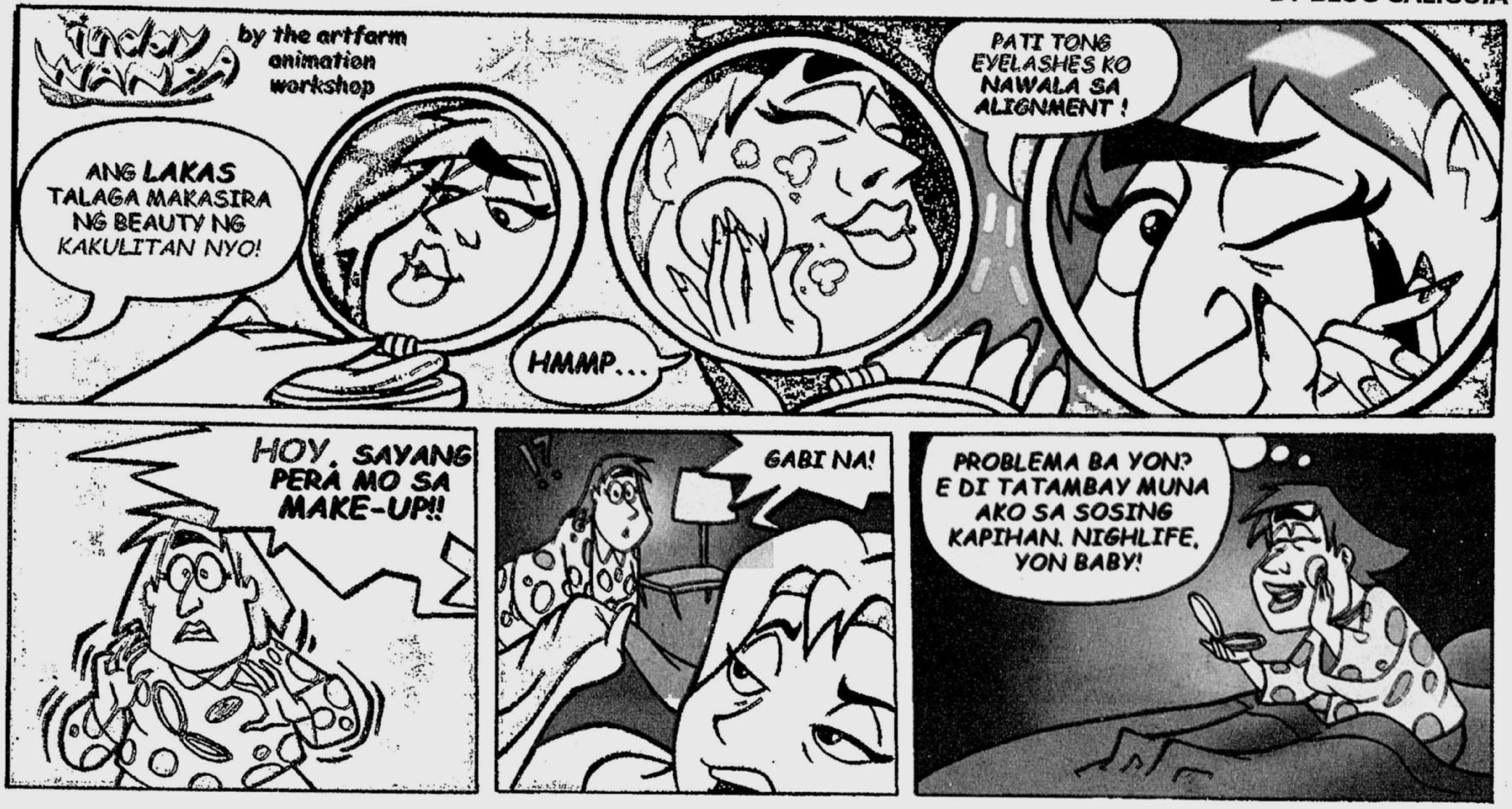
INDAY WANDA

BY BLOG CALIGUIA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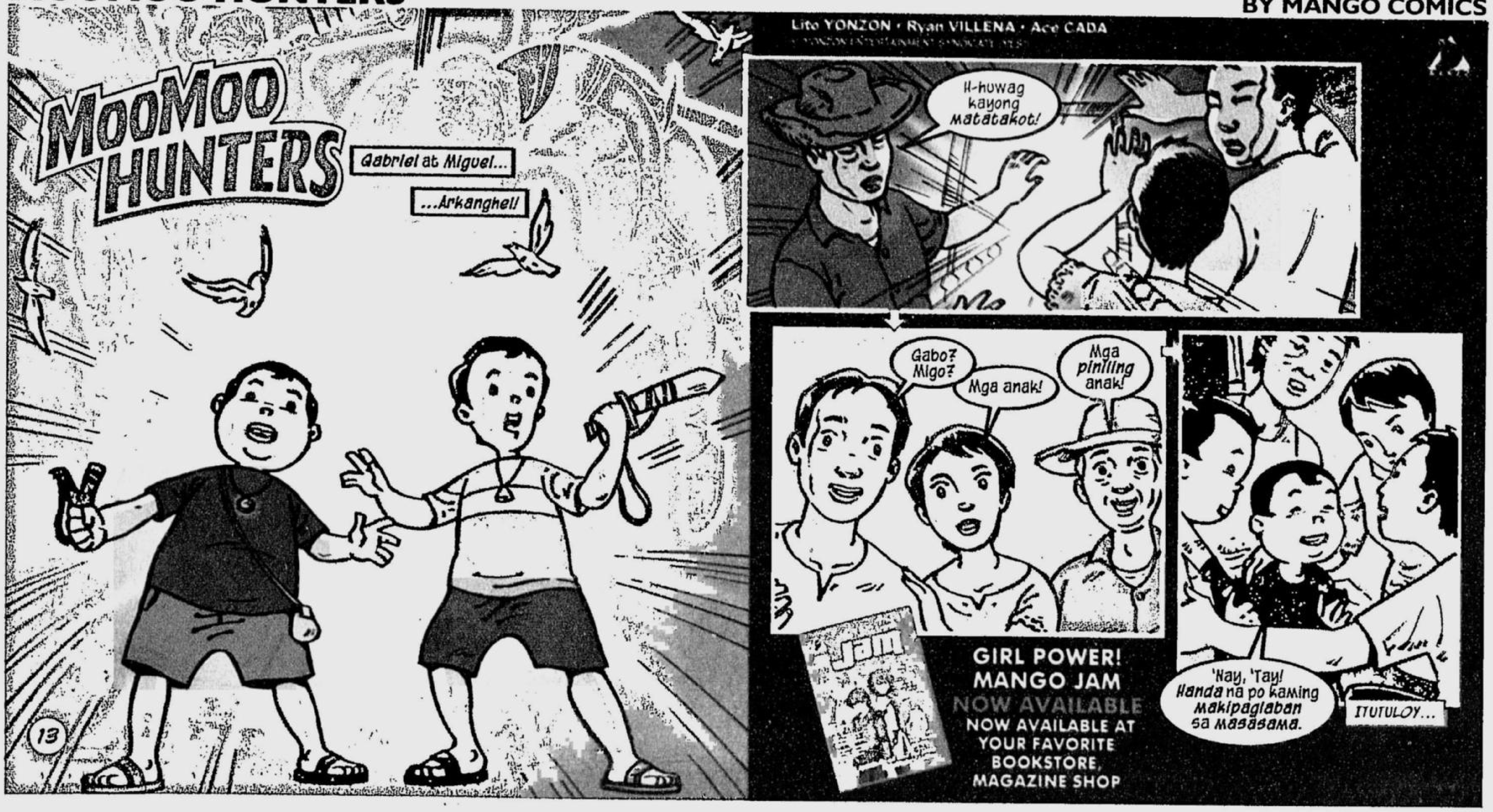
HMMP...
PATI TONG EYELASHES KO NAWALA SA ALIGNMENT !
HOY, SAYANG PERA MO SA MAKE-UP!!
!?
GABI NA!
PROBLEMA BA YON? E DI TATAMBAY MUNA AKO SA SOSING KAPIHAN. NIGHLIFE, YON BABY!

MOOMOO HUNTERS

BY MANGO COMICS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Gabriel at Miguel...
...Arkanghel!
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II-huwag kayong Matatakot!
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Mga anak!
Mga piniling anak!
'Nay, 'Tay! Handa na po kaming Makipaglaban sa Masasama.
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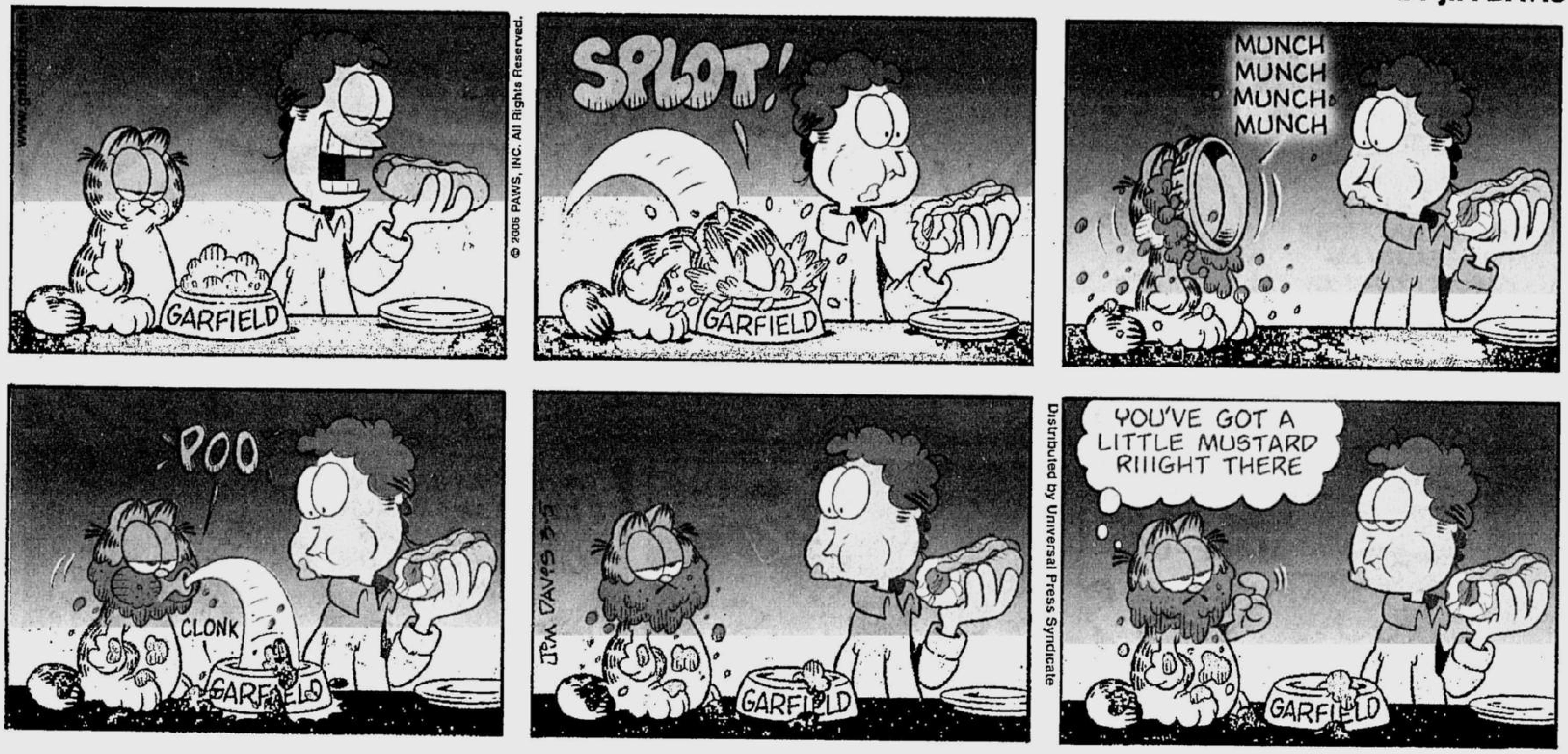
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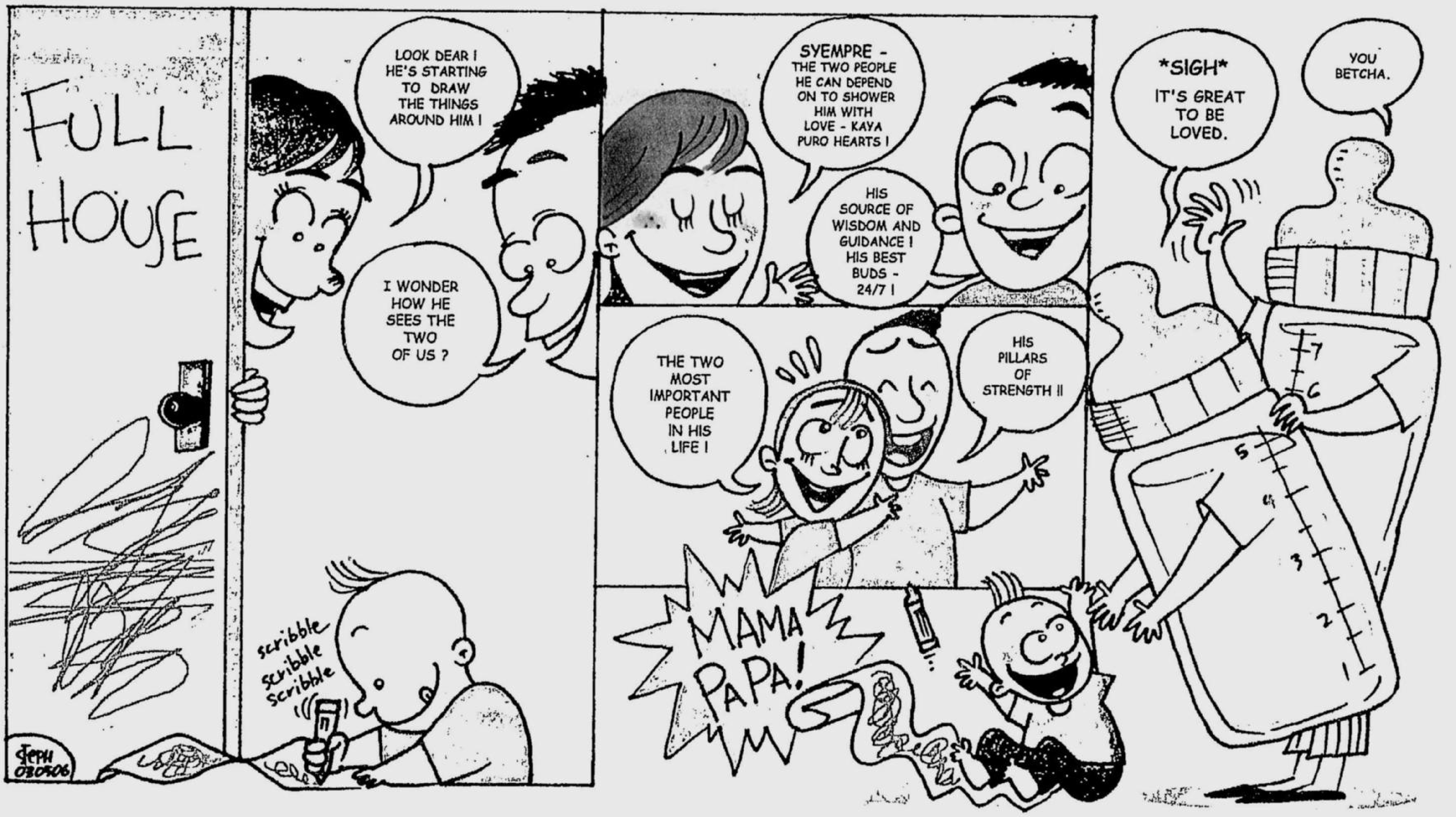
BY STEPH BRAVO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I WONDER HOW HE SEES THE TWO OF US ?
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HIS SOURCE OF WISDOM AND GUIDANCE ! HIS BEST BUDS - 24/7 !
THE TWO MOST IMPORTANT PEOPLE IN HIS LIFE !
HIS PILLARS OF STRENGTH !!
MAMA PAPA!
SIGH IT'S GREAT TO BE LOVED.
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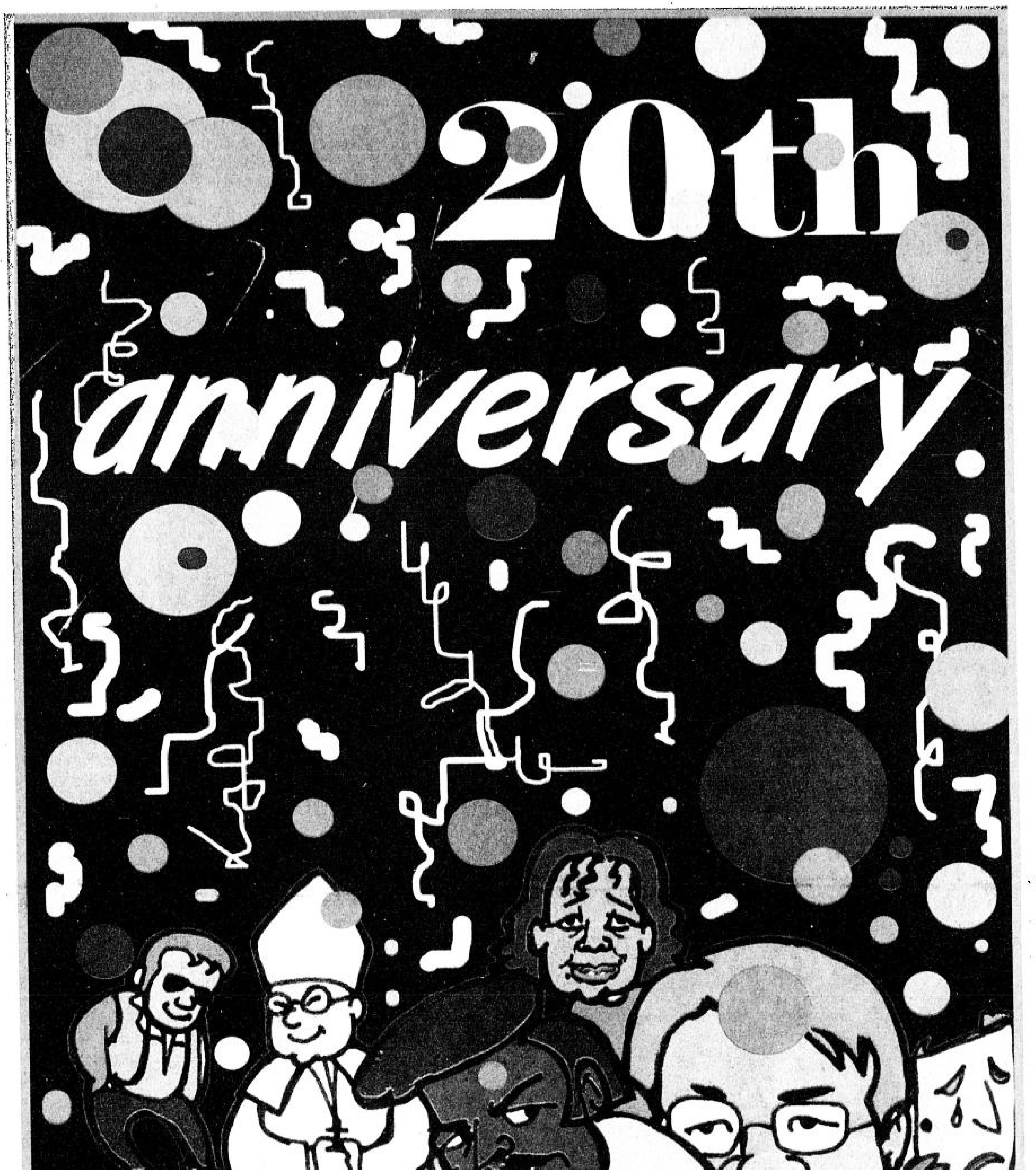
GET TO KNOW SOME REAL PEOPLE

SIM reconnects with our 20 most popular cover personalities of the past two decades



The gang's all here: JESS ABRERA gathers together some of our favorites (clockwise from left): NICK JOAQUIN, FPJ, CARDINAL SIN, ERAP, HAYDEE YORAC, WILLIE NEP, MELANIE MARQUEZ, MIRIAM DEFENSOR SANTIAGO, KRIS AQUINO and CORY AQUINO

We've got you covered!

The view from the bed

by Alya B. Honasan

THE Sunday Inquirer Magazine was a child of the revolution, born as it was on March 9, 1986, three months after the Daily itself in December 1985, and a month after Edsa I. That's why the Woman of the Hour was our first—and most frequent—cover girl: Cory Aquino. Our very first editor and now INQUIRER editor-in-chief Letty Jimenez-Magsanoc (LJM, who still constantly peers over our shoulders, and attempts to appropriate good reads for Page 1—HAH!), likened the early SIM to "an unmade bed"—a warm, comfortable mix of stories that could appeal to anyone and everyone who settled into it. And like a bed, it invited the reader to a more leisurely read than the rest of the paper—something to actually read in bed, or to bring with you for breakfast on the terrace, perhaps.

We had profiles, short stories, investigative pieces, even Maurice Arcache's sealed lips. If it was indeed a bed, everyone seemed to enjoy lying on it.

Succeeding editors would rumple or smoothen the bed as they saw fit. Recah Trinidad put in an "At Large" section full of happening snippets, and dragged in his literati pals, from the great Nick Joaquin to Jose Garcia Villa. Nestor Torre's forte was, and still is, show business with a discerning eye. Lorna Kalaw-Tirol brought investigative human-interest journalism to an entirely new level. And under Karla Delgado, we zoomed in on our current mission of "getting to know some real people," which has turned SIM into a people magazine about, for, and, we daresay, by some really interesting characters.

From presidents and show biz legends to an unknown outstanding student or a prison guard with a golden heart—we've sat down with them and picked their brains, every one of them.

Although I came on board in 1996, I've been intimate (ahem) with SIM for most of its life, and practically all of my writing career. I was a clueless freelance writer when LJM sent me to interview Pilita Corrales for the cover story of April 10, 1988. I was petrified about asking the tough questions, naturally, but the gracious Queen of Song kept talking through two cassette tapes—and made my job a lot easier. It was just as much fun when I made goo-goo eyes at Jericho Rosales for our cover when SIM became a broadsheet on Feb. 3, 2002. Come to think of it, it's never really been that hard—not when you love what you're doing.

I'd like to presume that all the people who have worked with SIM enjoyed the endeavor, as well. There's Ceres Doyo, Tino Tejero, Lani Montreal, Fe Zamora, JP Fenix, Raquel Gomez, Monette Sison, Ellen Pomarejo and our current homeys, Chuchie See (original and ageless), Sharon Felipe, Pennie Dela Cruz, Ruey De Vera, Eric Caruncho and Lynett Villariba. There's the inimitable Jess Abrera and his "Pinoy Nga" cartoon, which we've carried from the beginning.

It's the potent mix of stories and personalities that has kept life at SIM interesting through the years

There were columnists like Larry Henares, Fr. Ben Carreon, John Silva and Jonathan Best, Luis Francia, Amando Doronila (he of the politically-charged food columns) and Joe D' Mango. We've had Jolico Cuadra, Neni Sta. Romana-Cruz, Gilda Cordero-Fernando, Eric Gamalinda and Pete Lacaba writing for us. We've had poems and short stories, essays, travel pieces. And we've had great profiles, remarkable interviews. Real people.

The most delightful stories, however, have been when our writers become the story themselves. Steadfast contributor Joy Rojas became the first woman to run across the Philippines on Feb. 19, 2005, and it was our honor to print her story and put her on the cover.

Then, last year, our hands-down best-loved columnist, Fr. Ben Villote of The Word, quietly retired from writing, even as he miraculously found a new home for his Center for Migrant Youth. We put him on our Christmas 2005 cover, and his story was just as inspiring as any of his simple, heartwarming columns.

Our kind of guy, Fr. Ben—as real as they come.

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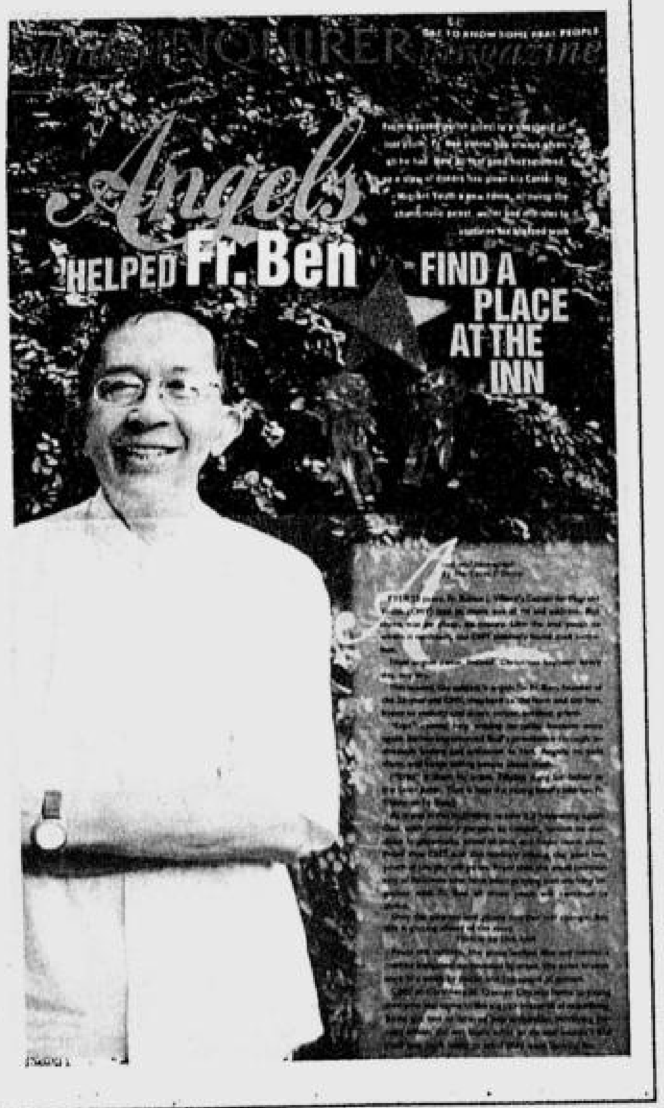
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WHATTA guy: The staff drooled over Jericho Rosales, SIM's first broadsheet cover boy (above), and were inspired by Fr. Ben's Miracle quest (right)

What the hey were we thinking?

by Eric S. Caruncho

ANDY WARHOL said that in the future everybody would be famous for 15 minutes. We're not quite there yet, but in our accelerated culture, fickle public tastes and our insatiable demand for fresh blood have resulted in the ever-shrinking shelf lives of famous people.

Welcome to the age of the disposable celebrity!

In entertainment, especially, the career trajectory of the average show biz "personality" (one doesn't speak of "stars" anymore) has grown steeper and shorter over the years.

Used to be an entertainer could count on at least five or six good years in the limelight before fading into smaller roles and shorter blind items in the tabloids.

Now the average "career" seems to last about a year—two years tops—before obscurity beckons, and career options decline from "hosting" to "guesting" to shilling dubious cosmetic products on cable TV.

The same holds true for other public figures, politicians and government officials. It's a chicken-and-egg question: does media cover these people because they're famous, or are they famous because media covers them? For many of today's instant celebrities, penbred in "reality TV" programs, what passes for a career is actually just a series of photo ops. When the cameras turn away, their careers are essentially over.

Some people just had to get their 15 minutes of fame

We at SIM take our cover stories seriously, and not only because it's the magazine's best marketing tool. Most of the time, we choose the people who land on our cover based on some substantial individual accomplishment, or a unique personal attribute (stunning physical beauty is often enough), or because of a perceived public curiosity about them. As our motto goes, we write "real stories about real people," not media creatures who exist only in virtual form in the Matrix.

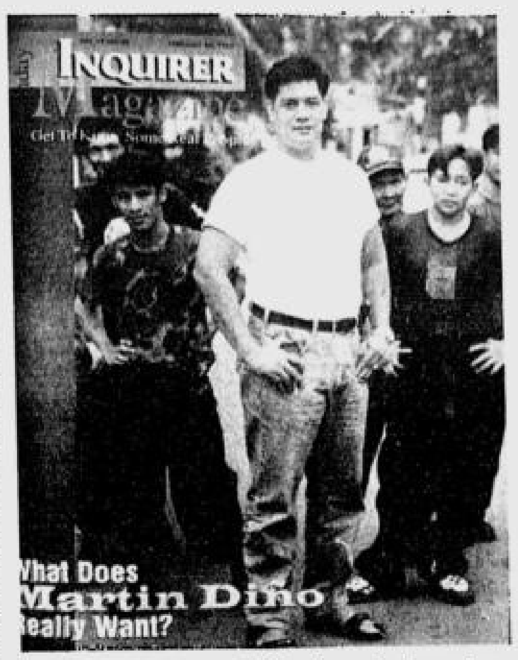
Because we keep our noses to the ground, we tend to spot the comers early. SIM is often first on the scene. By the time the media bandwagon arrives, we've moved on.

We also take pride in spotting unsung heroes, ordinary people who accomplish extraordinary things, movers and shakers who couldn't care less about publicity, but who we think could inspire our readers.

Of course, this is not to say that our editorial instincts are infallible. We fall prey to the occasional lapse in judgement, the occasional PR blitz, the occasional excitement over what turns out to be a flash in the pan, and frankly, our own obsessions of the moment. Looking over 20 years' worth of covers, we can safely say that the truly cringe-worthy, d'oh! what-were-we-thinking? moments have been few and far between.

As for our occasional forays into the forgotten and the forgettable, we can only invoke the Desiderata: "Listen to others, even the dull and the ignorant; they too have their story."

Rizal wasn't the only one to obsess about *"dulces estranjeras."* On the whole, Filipinos are suckers for beautiful foreigners who make it to these shores. In the past we've had Maureen Ava Vieira (a.k.a. "Miss Aruba"), the post-Aga, pre-Marc Anthony Dayanara Torres, and Sandara Park. One of the last to make a splash was Yugoslavian model/actress Svetlana "Lana" Asanin, who brightened up noontime shows for a couple of months with her sizzling dance numbers. We wouldn't mind seeing one of those again, but *wala na si* Lana (although her website, www.lana-asanin.com is still up).



WELL, I'll be hanged! It took an irate reader for SIM to notice that the belt on the right, flesh-colored at that, looks like, er, a sensitive part of a man's anatomy.

Sonny Parsons, a member of the late '70s- early '80s singing group Hagibis (*"Katawan"*) and sometime action star was pulled out of relative obscurity back into the front pages when he single-handedly fought off members of the "Akyat Bahay" gang that tried to rob him in his Marikina home in July of 2002, killing two and wounding another. This act of bravery subsequently landed him in hot water with the Marikina police, and on our Aug. 4, 2002 cover.

Fame, however, did not translate into political capital, or at least not enough. Jose Nabiola in real life, Parsons lost to current Marikina Mayor Marides Fernando in the 2004 local elections.

Frances Kissling may not exactly be a household name in the Philippines, but the former nun landed on our Jan. 12, 1997 cover because of her controversial stand on abortion as head of the Catholics for Free Choice. She stirred up both the pro-lifers and the Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines, and continues to do so to this day.

Former Maguindanao Rep. Didagen "Digs" Dilangalen, whom we billed on our June 27, 2004 cover as "The Man They Couldn't Shut Up," has apparently shut up. The legislator, better known as a spokeman for embattled President Joseph Estrada during the impeachment proceedings, was immortalized for his outburst. He has since retired from public view.

Also conspicuously absent from the recent coup shenanigans was Linda Montayre, head of the shadowy "NGO" People's Consultative Assembly, who was last heard calling for "people power" against GMA in 2002.

Our cover story on "Nadine Alberto: Earth Girl" (April 19, 1998) left many readers scratching their heads. Blame knee-jerk environmentalism. As disc jockey on RJFM, "Kaila" had begun to introduce tips on conservation in her radio program, so who better to feature on Earth Day, right?

However, the writer couldn't resist sniping at the station's "geriatric" programming and its general endorsement of the "baby boomer" mentality as something desirable. As it turned out, "Kaila" was the handle of Nadine Alberto, the station's

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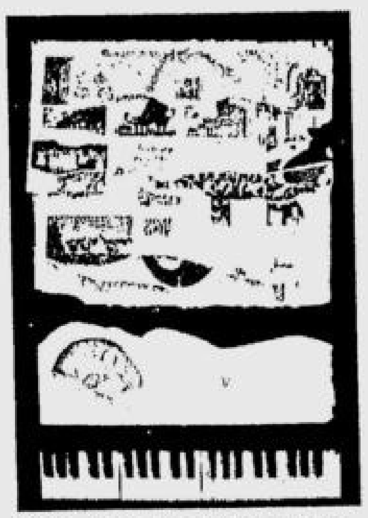

"What Dreams May Come" by Ed Ramos. The 11th WorldBex (The Philippine World Building and Construction Exposition) will be open for viewing on March 7 to March 11 at the World Trade Center. The exhibit will feature 21 artists in a variety of media, subject and styles. For inquiries, call 531-6374 or 531-6350.

Two poems by Allan Popa

Eating Alone

I never thought of it lonely.
Having lived a long time alone
I never thought of it lonely.

Not until a friend told me how
a stranger, an elegant woman, asked
him over to her table because *she couldn't*
suffer to see anybody eat alone.

What moved him
to pick up his clutter of half-
eaten food—politeness to not refuse
a kindness offered, maybe a long-denied
dream to toddle toward mother again,

or was it just sudden,
embarrassed loneliness?—I know
I never thought of it lonely.

Overcast

1. MONUMENTS
The sculptor of larger than life
men is mad. One who looked

hard into the gravest eyes
to keep them still.

He smells rain and mounts
a towering monument he made.

He says he won't come down
until The Great Flood recedes.

His grip on those eye-sockets: one
for pigeon, the other for crow.

2. MONSOON

To whose christening would you wear
such a fine veil? We smell no birth?

Rain falls through the dropped skeleton
of a parasol: stalks hold still like subject matter.

Willie
NEPOMUCENO

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WillieNep for Prez
Keeping the Peace

ALL of them: As himself—and as five presidential candidates, May 2004

FOR A man who made a unique name for himself by becoming other people so seamlessly, there are more ideas than gigs these days. Willie Nepomuceno has appeared on four SIM covers—most memorably, as Pres. Ferdinand Marcos and as Gringo Honasan—but only once as himself, posing alongside every other male candidate in the May 2004 elections whom he had impersonated, and wearing a shirt that read "Willie Nep for President."

"I'd like to differ and not call myself an impersonator," he told SIM in the cover interview for the May 9, 2004 issue. "I prefer to call what I do 'impressions,' because an impersonator is just a carbon copy of the personality, a Xerox." That's why he's always on the cover but always as someone else.

Nepomuceno pondered his craft in an early interview: "*Aktibista ako, tama ba namang nasa show biz ako* (I'm an activist, is it right that I'm in show biz)." He's used to being the go-to guy when election season rolls around. But now that people may be too scared to laugh, he finds himself longing to showcase his talents more. "I miss the shows, not just for the money, but because I don't get to practice my skills and ventilate what I think about issues," he explains today. He misses doing TV, as his last regular gig was the lamented "Ispup" on ABC-5. "These days, the programmers seem to prefer *mestizos* and *mestizas* who just wave and can't carry a tune. We don't see anything substantial or artistic on TV now."

For the last 20 years, he remembers, strangely enough, his rotten luck when it comes to TV shows; just when it seems he had a breakout program on his hands, politics would change everything. He has seen promising programs forestalled by martial law and the first Edsa revolt. He considers the opportunity to do political satire and intelligent comedy a privilege. While his impersonations of FVR and Erap were showstoppers, he finds impersonating female presidents difficult. So now he's working on his Manny Pacquiao impression and hopes for the chance to do more shows. "Or maybe I'll just run for office," Willie Nep says dryly.

Ruel S. De Vera

Alvin
PATRIMONIO

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Soul of the Game

SERIOUS about play: Alvin was all business on this 2001 cover

WHEN ALVIN Patrimonio ran full speed into the PBA as a prized rookie, he mixed matinee idol good looks, a relentless work ethic and a complete set of basketball skills that made him one of Philippine basketball's icons. Check out these achievements: 596 straight games, 10-time All-PBA First Team, four-time MVP, 15,000 points, 2,000 defensive rebounds, 1,000 offensive rebounds and 2,000 assists.

The seven covers he appeared on showed Patrimonio in the process of evolving from callow rookie to sporting icon. In a July 17, 1988 article, a single Patrimonio was enthused about his bachelor's pad and was looking for the right girl. "*Darating din yan*, (It'll come)" he said.

Indeed, it all did. After playing 17 seasons, winning championships and setting records, the 6'4" Patrimonio, dubbed "Captain Lionheart," is enjoying most his role as father figure to his family. With wife Cindy, he is set to travel to Spain where his daughters, Christine and Clarice, are about to begin serious training in tennis. After accompanying them to Spain, Patrimonio will return to be with son Angelo, who has decided to concentrate on basketball instead, and youngest child Aaron Joseph. The 39-year-old former MVP is busy in his role as Team Manager of the Purefoods Chunkee Giants come this new PBA conference intending to better their runner-up finish last conference. He is also psyched for the opening of his meat-oriented businesses this year.

Patrimonio is thoroughly happy where he has found himself. "I'm so blessed because I've been a blessing to other people through basketball," the soft-spoken Patrimonio explains now. "I'm happy to have been able to entertain, give hope and inspire them to do their best. I'm just trying to show other people the talent that I've been given."

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The Big J Plays Hardball
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A whole new ball game
JAWORSKI JAWORSKI

PLAY ball: Jawo (as son Dudut's teammate, below, and as senator, left) still occupies our collective memory

Robert
JAWORSKI

NO ONE has translated the adulation that came oh so easily on the playing court into another realm of public persona as well as Robert Jaworski Sr. He occupies all of his monikers—Jawo, Sonny, the Living Legend, the Big J—without doubt or hesita\tion, the same way he uncorks that dizzying bicycle shot of his, or the way he draws up a daring out-of-bounds play to win the

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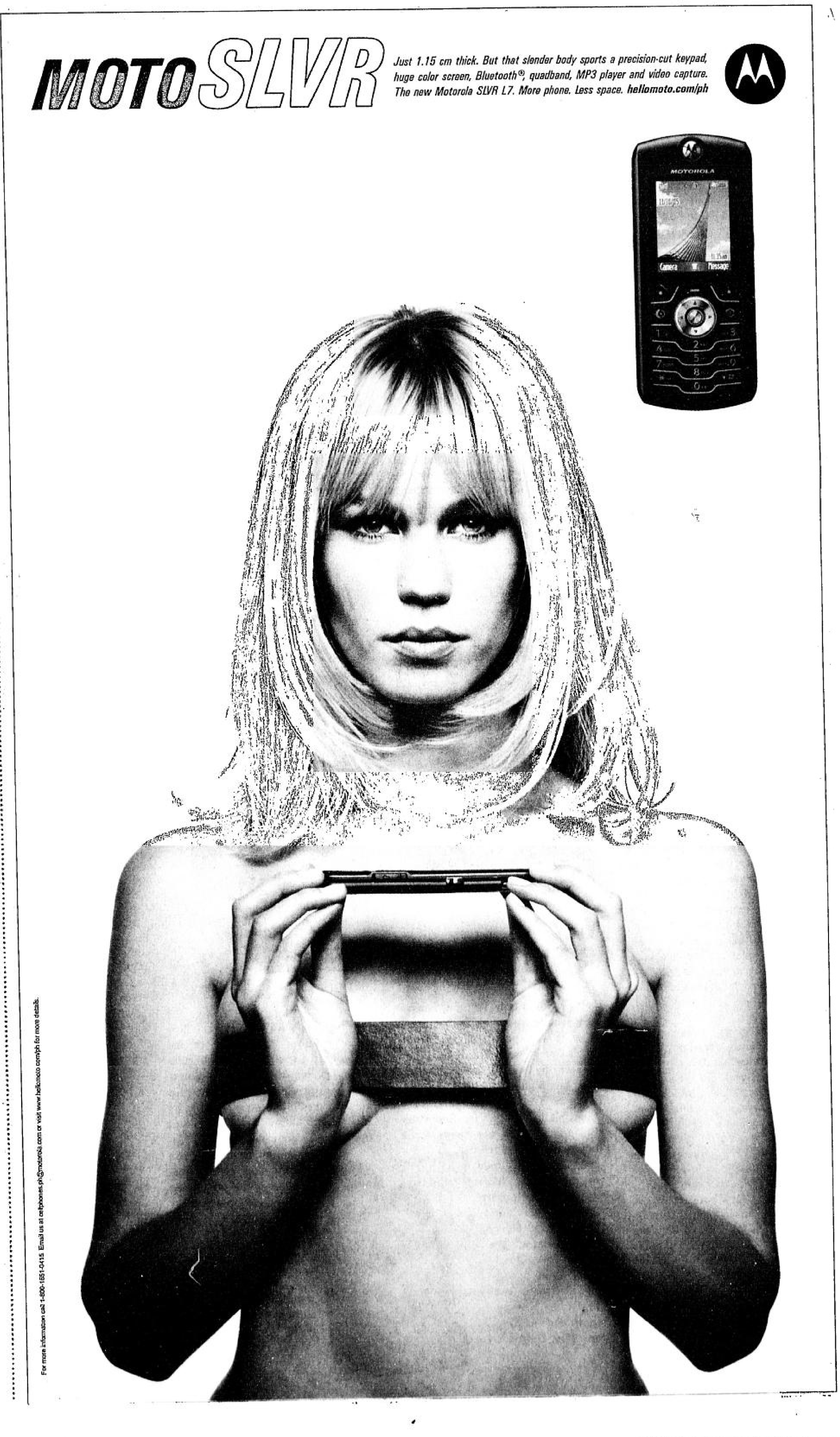

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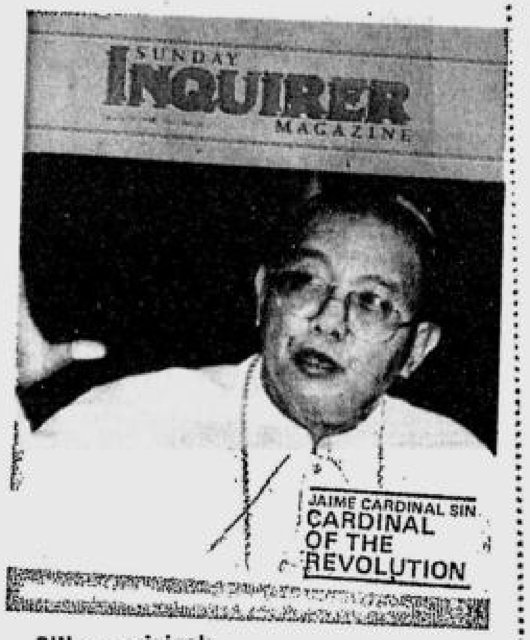
game. The hard-charging playing coach of Ginebra, the country's most rabidly followed professional squad, exemplified the undying belief that they could still win no matter the odds, no matter the time left on the clock, the so-called "Never Say Die" attitude that has become a Ginebra hallmark, and the reason he wound up on six SIM covers. In 1988, he pondered, at age 42, the idea of retirement, or maybe playing 10 more years. That he did. "*Alam mo, mahal ako ng mga tao* (You know, the people love me). They know when I step into the court, I give it my all," he said then. His occasional penchant for roughhousing only endeared him further to his followers and by the time he retired, he had seen the rise and fall and rise again of Ginebra, coached the national team, and was named one of the PBA's 25 best all-time players.

He has played so long that he was not only said to be the world's oldest professional cager in his early 50s, but he got to play pro ball with his son, Rep. Robert "Dudut" Jaworski, Jr., who has also followed his father's footsteps as a politician. Beyond the playing court, the public continued to swoon, electing him to the Senate in 1998. Despite an unsuccessful reelection campaign in 2004, Jaworski, who turns 60 on March 8, still plays on in the collective memory and affection of the biggest barangay of all: "I know I'm honest to myself and I'm honest to my people, my teammates and the public." **RSDV**



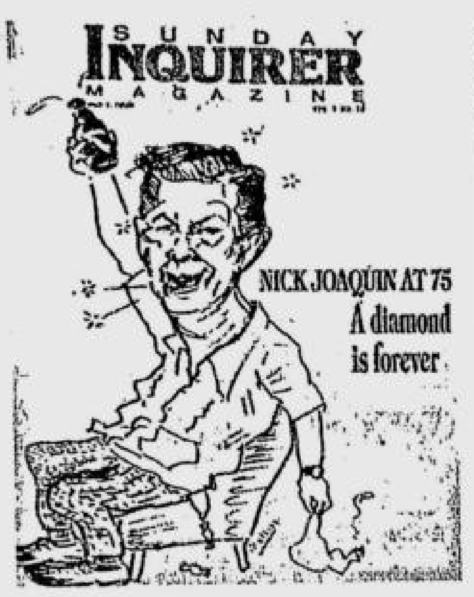
SIN, an original:
Basking in post-Edsa I history

Jaime CARDINAL SIN

He always found humor in the unintended pun of his name, but Jaime Lachica Sin was always serious about the country he loved. After calling out to people to take to the streets in two separate Edsa uprisings, Sin became both testament and flashpoint for those on differing sides on the role of the church in state and society.. "This is the will of God," he stated on the events of the 1986 People Power Revolution.

The cleric originally from New Washington, Aklan celebrated his 70th birthday on the cover of SIM's Aug. 30, 1998 issue, one of four covers he appeared on. Readers of the magazine saw him journey to Russia in 1987 and saw his life through the images of Sin's personal lensman Noli Yamsuan in 1999.

Ordained in 1954, Sin exemplified his personal motto, "*Serviam* (I will serve)," to the very last days of his life, still striving to speak out for what he believed in despite the illnesses that slowed him down in his later years. When he died on June 21, 2005 of renal failure at the age of 76, even his enemies mourned. They remembered his belief in the Filipino people and his capacity for laughter and faith amid the turmoil. Talking about why he was so influential, the Cardinal, no doubt with a twinkle in his eye, said, "That's because I always think before I act, unlike some people." **RSDV**



NO SMALL beer: Nick Joaquin by Danny Dalena

Nick JOAQUIN

NO OTHER writer's name or image—holding a San Miguel Pale Pilsen bottle, of course—will ever be so intertwined with the idea of a city. The Manila of Nick Joaquin's magical imagination shimmers the most in his words, crafted by the man who is considered the greatest modern Filipino writer. By the time he died on April 29, 2004, scant days before he was to turn 87, Joaquin had written in virtually every genre and has become required reading, with over 40 books to his name.

Named National Artist in 1976 and winner of the 1996 Ramon Magsaysay Award, Joaquin wrote a column for the Sunday Inquirer Magazine, among many other pieces. His visage remained the same, be it in Danny Dalena's sketch for SIM's cover on the May 3, 1992 when Joaquin turned 75, or his photograph in 1999. In her tribute to Joaquin, the late Doreen Fernandez noted that Joaquin knew how to enjoy himself, that he knew all the songs to his beloved old movies. "I tell my readers that the best compliment they can pay me is to say that they smell *adobo* and *lechon* when they read me," he said.

Yet the march of magazine issues did not touch him. He remained quintessential Nick through the years. Yet Nicomedes Marquez Joaquin, playwright and poet, novelist and fictionist, journalist and essayist, was also an inspiration for generations of writers, who marveled at the gentleness of his soul. As the writer Vim Nadera says, "Yes, he is dead, but Quijano de Manila is immortal." **RSDV**

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Lea SALONGA

SHE was only 17 then, and already we could sense enough to warn people, "Look Where She's Going" in our Jan. 8, 1989 cover story by Melissa Nolledo Caagusan. Lea Salonga had debuted onstage in "The King and I" and was a huge hit in "Annie" for Repertory Philippines. "I'm not ready for a boyfriend," said the then Ateneo pre-med major, whose idols ranged from Herbert Bautista to James Dean. Eleven months later, she was on our Christmas cover, spending her very first Christmas away from home as Kim on "Miss Saigon" on London's West End, an unbelievable honor for Filipinos.

Two years later, she was on the cover again, because she had again triumphed over Actors' Equity and been allowed to play Kim on Broadway, a mind-boggling first for Filipino theater talents. Lea graced her fourth cover in 1994 for us all dressed up as Eliza Doolittle in "My Fair Lady," her much-awaited homecoming to the Philippine stage after "Miss Saigon" and bagging both the West End's Olivier and Broadway's Tony awards for her work. But the little girl had faced her battles; at 23, she lambasted racism on Broadway. "I felt very insulted," she said. "For my race to be a factor in an audition? I'm sorry, but that's a lot of hogwash," she told **SIM**. Most noteworthy in this issue was an essay on her daughter by the formidable Ligaya Salonga, "Lea As I Know Her." "When I'm watching her onstage, I die a thousand deaths," she confessed. "I'm the villain. But that's my job."

Three more covers drummed up interest in succeeding theater projects: "Grease" in 1995, "They're Playing Our Song" with Singaporean actor Adrian Pang in 1995, and her first non-singing lead role in "Proof" for Bobby Garcia's Atlantis Productions in January 2002.

The latter would draw less enthusiastic reviews than her musical efforts; "What else do I have to do?" she would groan in reaction to people's prevailing "Miss Saigon" mindset.

So what was the biggest milestone for her in the last 20 years?

"It would definitely have to be when I auditioned for and was cast as Kim in 'Miss Saigon,'" Lea agrees today. "It changed my life in the sense that finally, I figured out what my designation on this earth was. When I auditioned I was a pre-med student, mentally prepared to put aside a huge chunk of my life to be a doctor. Fate intervened, and that was it. At 18, my future was already determined."

The erstwhile would-be scientist admits she did sometimes miss "the formaldehyde scent of a laboratory, dissecting frogs and giving dirty looks to the stray cats on campus. But in truth, I couldn't be happier with how things turned out."

Her next big role after marriage to boyfriend Robert Chien in Los Angeles in 2003: motherhood. And like everything else the exceptional Lea Salonga does, she's sure to do a great job at that, too. **ABH**

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A Song for Two

ATTA girl: As rising star in 1989 (above) and a world-class talent post-"Miss Saigon"

Inno SOTTO

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HOT haute couture: Creating his own destiny in 2004

ON APRIL 10, 1994, editor Lorna Kalaw-Tirol turned the spotlight on leading Filipino fashion designer Inno Sotto, who had hit a career high when his Filipiniana collection was featured by Elsa Klensch on CNN. He had opened boutiques in Osaka and Singapore, and was having fun designing the costumes for the San Francisco Opera's staging in Manila of "Madama Butterfly" at the Cultural Center of the Philippines. "I'm toying with the idea of making Cio-Cio San wear five meters of black hair against a white robe," Inno had thought aloud. "I saw something like that in a Kurosawa movie many years ago."

Five years later, on Dec. 12, 1999, editor Karla Delgado helped Inno celebrate his 20th year in the business—and an upcoming retrospective at the Manila Metropolitan Musem, no less—with a visit to his South Syquia apartment. "The stories these walls could tell!" Inno said then. We featured photographs of nooks and crannies of the stylish space, as Inno talked about his growing-up years as a third child in a family of eight, with five sisters. It was a religious family, and the inner life had "enabled me to see things from a better perspective, to take things the way I've taken them," Inno said. "There are a lot of ups and downs in a profession like this."

"We're soulmates," long-time partner Richard Tann had interjected then.

On May 2, 2004, he had his third **SIM** cover as "Ingeniously Inno," in preparation for a show at the Peninsula Manila. Here, the flashbacks were to his career—apprenticeship with Christian Espiritu, studies in San Francisco and the Parsons School of Fashion Design in New York, teaching design at De La Salle-College of St Benilde, and even his appointment as a Unesco Commissioner for Culture.

He also cleared the air about alleged rivalries among fashion giants. "I have no insecurities towards other designers, and I'm sure designers like Auggie Cordero and the late Joe Salazar have no insecurities towards me, either," Inno said. "We create our own destiny."

Destiny would bring more ups and downs. Inno has stayed at the top of his craft, staging more shows, creating dozens of drop-dead gowns, even dressing up President GMA. His last big show last December, "Beloved," featured 40 masterpieces inspired by operas like "Carmen" and "Turandot," and got some added drama from firecrackers that almost burned the backstage down.

The lowest point, however, had been May 28, 2005, when Richard died on the eve of Inno's birthday, ending a lifetime of togetherness. Richard had managed to finalize the details for the aptly titled show as early as two months before his demise. Inno would acknowledge Richard as the moving force behind the acclaimed event. In many ways, "Beloved" would become the couple's tribute to each other. **ABH**

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WORKING it: Melanie the model and actress circa 1988

Mikee COJUANGCO

SHE'S got a great pedigree, is cute as a button, has never gotten caught in intrigues, and has remained friendly and gracious after all these years—how can you *not* like Mikee Cojuangco? But lest you think she's simply sweet, go back to that image of her on all fours, thrown off her horse in last year's SEA Games, and then climbing back on to ride with her team to an equestrian gold for her country—now, that took, er, balls.

Mikaela Maria Antonio de los Reyes Cojuangco was an incoming college sophomore studying psychology at the Ateneo de Manila and Manila's super-wholesome Swatch girl when she posed for our back-to-school cover on June 14, 1992. She modeled tons of stuff from Gift Gate, and claimed that "*bakasyon*" was her favorite subject. "Wow, I wasn't even thinking of showbusiness then," Mikee remembers today.

Five years later, in 1995, she already had a weekly TV show, "Mikee," and was waking up at 5:30 a.m. to ride in Lipa, Batangas. Still, she indulged us with her pre-Christmas shopping list for people as varied as cousin Kris ("She has everything you could think of") to Harrison Ford ("I'd give him me! Just kidding. He probably wouldn't want me. He'd probably 'return to sender.' ").

Little did we know that it was being a wife and mother that would make Mikee shine even more. She did her last film in 1997, married councilor Robert "Dudut" Jaworski Jr. in 1999, and went on to bag two golds at the Asian Games in Busan, South Korea in 2002. That year-end, she shone on our cover, as Ruel De Vera wrote about "Mikee's Golden Year." "I feel that God's telling me I'm not meant to have a life in seclusion," she mused then. Starting a family has indeed been the biggest thing that happened

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FULL of grace: Just a school girl in 1992 (top), and as wife, mother and Asian Games champ 10 years later

to her in the last 20 years, says this mother of two boys aged 6 and 4 and, what do you know, a congressional wife. "You don't realize how much you can love, how capable you are of love, until you become a wife and mother," Mikee says. "It's immense!"

As for her glowing performance in riding arenas worldwide, Mikee says it's simply inspiration. "People think that marriage is the end of single life and all the fun stuff that comes with it," she says. "But if you marry someone who loves you for yourself, he brings out the best in you. You're no longer just doing it for yourself." Now you know why we love her. **ABH**

Melanie MARQUEZ

IT must be the constant contrasts that have kept us fascinated all these years—the willowy beauty queen with the funny English, the world-class model with the fighting words, or the dramatic actress whose real-life debacles beat even her own eponymous tear-jerker, "The Untold Story of Melanie Marquez," which she wrote, produced and starred in herself.

"No Time For Love" was the cover line for Abe Florendo's first cover story on Melanie on Feb. 8, 1987; she was dating a senatorial candidate, and was fresh from a two-month relationship with a sheik. She considered "getting nothing" from the relationship with sheik Talal Bouzo one of the two biggest blunders in her life; the other, she said, was the infamous "I'm contented with my long-legged" comment in the Bb. Pilipinas pageant, which she won anyway.

A mere five months later, Melanie was again our cover girl, this time written about by Fe Zamora as her life story was hitting the screen, directed by her father Artemio Marquez, no less. Zamora traced the rise of "the bastard child of the second of five wives of Artemio Marquez... who longed for her father's affection." She had just turned 23 that same month, and already had her love child by action star-turned-verbally challenged senator Lito Lapid.

On Oct. 21, 1990, Lani Montreal encountered a chain-smoking, fast-talking woman with her defenses up. "No matter how bold and daring she appears to be... her vulnerability shows through those large brown irises," Montreal noted. "They always seem to plead for understanding."

Finally, on June 3, 2001, Melanie posed for a ravishing portrait by her good friend and regular **SIM** contributor Mandy Navasero (who shot every one of her covers, by the way) in "Home at Last." After a turbulent life and two failed marriages (the other, to one-time action star Derek Dee), Melanie met Adam Lawyer, 11 years her senior, and he didn't let her go.

Soon she was a devout practicing Mormon, carrying Adam's child (she would eventually have six) and living on an 8,000-acre ranch in Utah. "This is the only time I really feel married," she told Zamora. Adam was just as giddy; "Truth is real love," he said. "If she has wrinkles, then she has wrinkles."

"Having a real family with my husband, who's a responsible father and husband, and finding the true church here," Melanie says now, were the biggest milestones of her last 20 years. She spends part of her time in Utah, but stays in Manila a lot to help people through her church. Who would have thought? **ABH**

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TWO-gether: Martin and Pops and their happy beginnings in 1986 (above).

Pops FERNANDEZ

IT was our June 15, 1986 cover, and people were going nuts over the adorable TV tandem-turned-real life couple Martin Nievera and Pops Fernandez; "Always and Forever," we bannered, as the two were set to walk down the aisle after announcing it on their hit program "Penthouse Live." He was 24, she was 19 and soon to be a mother. Recah Trinidad reported their love story: "When boy first met girl, either Cupid was sleeping on the job or nursing a terrible hangover. The girl got turned off by the boy in their first encounter. The boy was not impressed with her, either." She found him *mayabang*, he found her *suplada*.

Fast-forward to Aug. 9, 1992 and Susan de Guzman's interview with "A Mom Called Pops" who gamely faced the camera despite a cold. The story had the young storybook family—Pops, Martin, and kids Robin, then 5, and Ram, then 2—watching a movie. She was all of 25 then. "They're so different from each other," she said of raising her kids, even as she was preparing for her concert at the Ultra that same month.

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AS emancipated single mom, 2004

The storybook tale ended after that, and real life sank in. The couple would separate in 1998, a very public affair that involved infidelity on Martin's side and much heartbreak for Pops. We all watched as she coped, took her first timid steps back out into the world, and was soon gorgeous and moving on.

For our Nov. 28, 2004 issue, Tinna Bonifacio wrote about how "Pops Finds Peace in the Public Eye," in the wake of her break-up with her younger boyfriend, model and actor Brad Turvey. Pops was none the worse for wear, however, gorgeous in a red strapless dress on our cover. She still had an upcoming concert, was still recording, and had a successful clothing line.

She had not forgotten the betrayal, but claimed she had already forgiven Martin. "If you keep holding on to the pain, you're never going to get anywhere," she said. Today, the former couple has even performed together again, though Pops is rumored to be cozy with Jomari Yllana. Maybe there's still a storybook ending here somewhere. **ABH**

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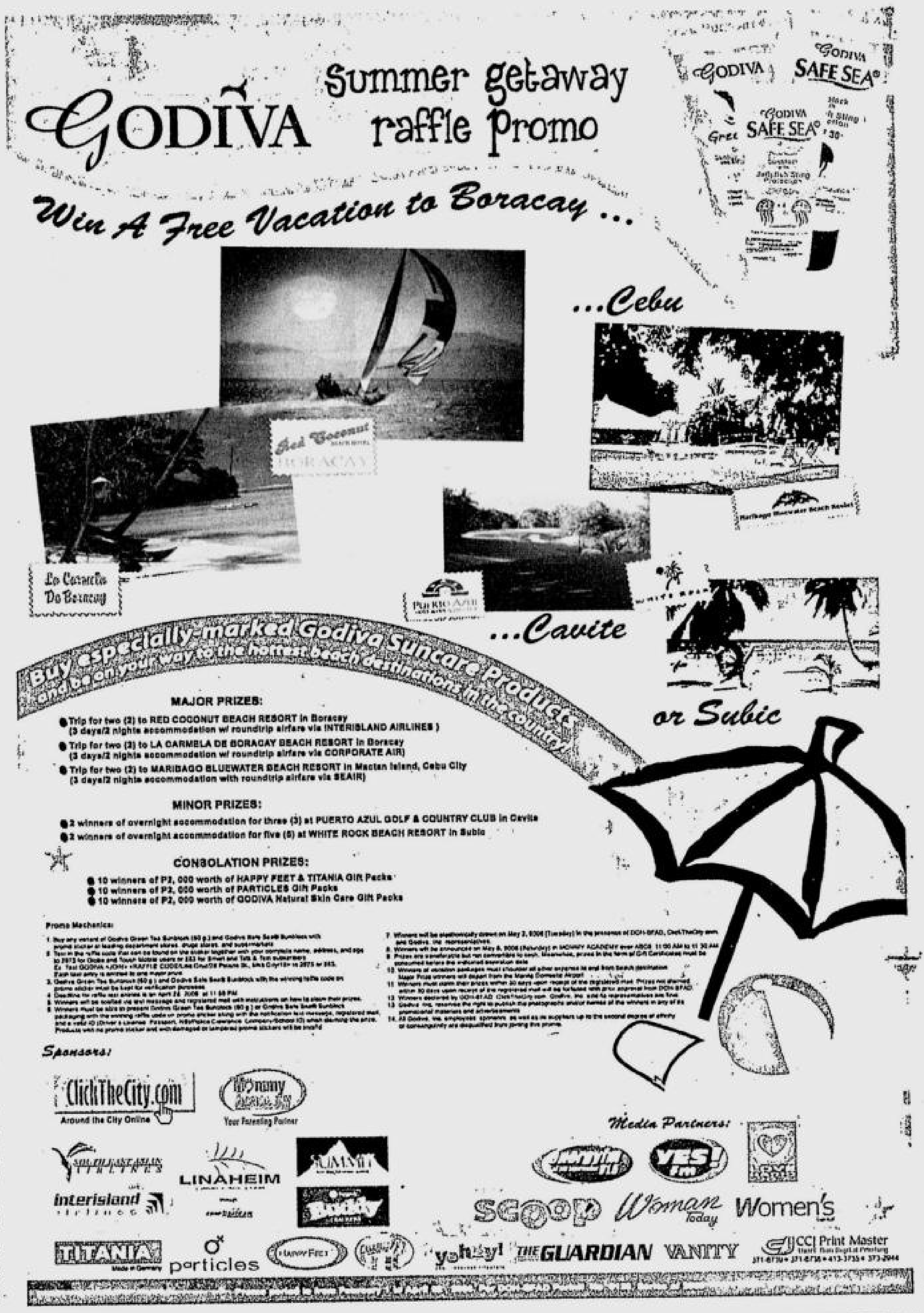
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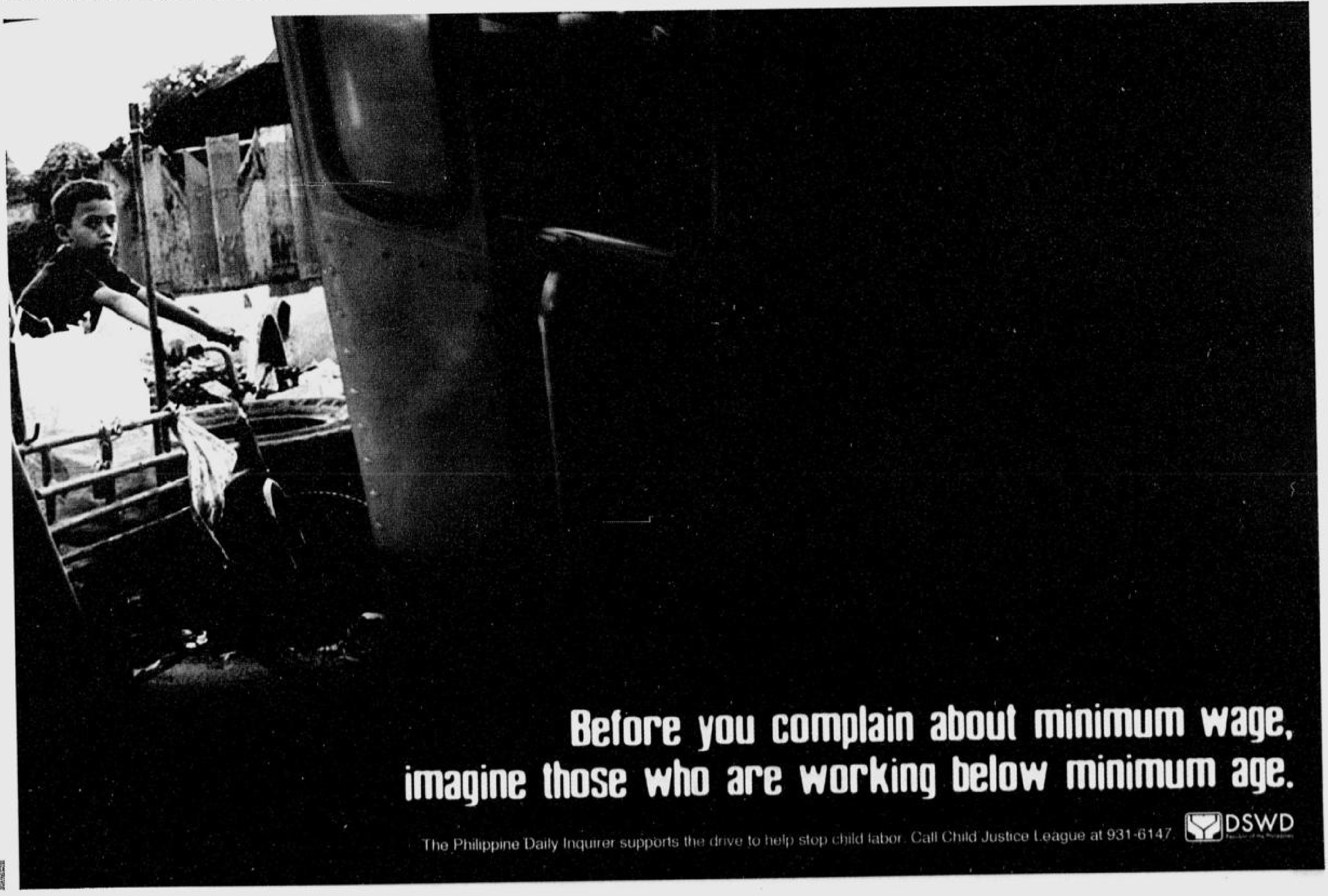
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Chin-Chin GUTIERREZ

THE FACE: In 1992, as commercial model-turned-actress

THIS enigmatic beauty first appeared on our cover as the "Maria Clara for the '90s" (June 7, 1992). The story was really about director Eddie Romero's television serialization of "Noli Me Tangere," with Joel Torre as Crisostomo Ibarra, which is still enjoying reruns on cable to this day. But what really caught the public eye was the first-time actress playing Maria Clara, billed as "Maria Jose Arnaldo," who delivered an award-worthy performance. Right then we knew this was someone to watch, and not just in her TV commercials (for which she was better-known at the time).

She next appeared on our June 11, 1995 cover, as the model for writer Gilda Cordero Fernando's fashion spectacular "Jamming On An Old Saya." Apparently, it was a meeting of kindred spirits, because four years later, Fernando chose Gutierrez to be the lead in her lavish production of Rody Vera's "Luna: An Aswang Romance" where she was billed as "Carminia Arnaldo Gutierrez," our cover story for Oct. 31, 1999.

Among other things, Chin-chin probably holds the SIM record for shortest interval between covers (for someone other than the President of the Republic, anyway): just three months later (Jan. 30, 2000) there she was again, to illustrate SIM editor Alya Honasan's "Countdown to Party Time," a first-hand, behind-the-scenes look at the making of "Luna."

Chin-chin has also been featured numerous times in the magazine for her environmental activism, and her late-blooming musical career (she is scheduled to release a follow-up to *"Uyayi,"* her critically well-received album of indigenous Philippine lullabies.)

Eventually, "Time" magazine took our lead and featured her on its cover in a special 2003 issue on "Asian Heroes."

Eric S. Caruncho

Ely BUENDIA

FATHER and son: The ex-Eraserheads frontman celebrates daddyhood, 2001

THE Eraserheads first featured in SIM just as the whole "alternative music" thing was about to peak, in a story titled "The Kids Are Alright" (April 10, 1994). The same year we named "Circus" Album of the Year, and the following year we chose *"Alapaap"* as Song of the Year. It wasn't until 1996, however, when we took the plunge and finally featured them on the cover (Dec. 8, 1996) as a bunch of depraved sacristans.

The story had to do with the E'heads' one and only Christmas album, "Fruitcake," a lavish, limited-edition production which came with an illustrated children's book which, if nothing else, demonstrates their music biz clout at the height of Eraserheadsmania.

Four years later was a different story. We featured Buendia's solo album "Wanted: Bedspacer" in a story titled "No Vacancy" (Oct. 8, 2000), but the story was really about the pop icon at a vulnerable midlife crossroads. He had just had a son, Eon, with girlfriend Diane, and was turning 30 that November.

When we finally got around to a cover story for Father's Day ("Daddy Cool," June 10, 2001), Buendia had mellowed into the role. "I'm the same age my father was when I was born," he reflected.

He was also happy with the Eraserheads' new album, "Carbon Stereoxide," which had just come out. "I like this best of all our albums," he said. "The best elements of everything we learned came out here."

It was to be their last. Shortly after came Buendia's acrimonious split with his bandmates who, for a time, continued without him before finally disbanding.

Buendia rebounded with a vengeance, duly noted in our cover story on the Mongols in Nov. 16, 2003, which demonstrated that he was still a musical force to be reckoned with. Currently, the band (renamed Pupil for legal reasons) has an album on the charts, while "Ultraelectromagneticjam," a tribute album of Eraserheads songs covered by today's up and coming bands, is selling briskly and charting.

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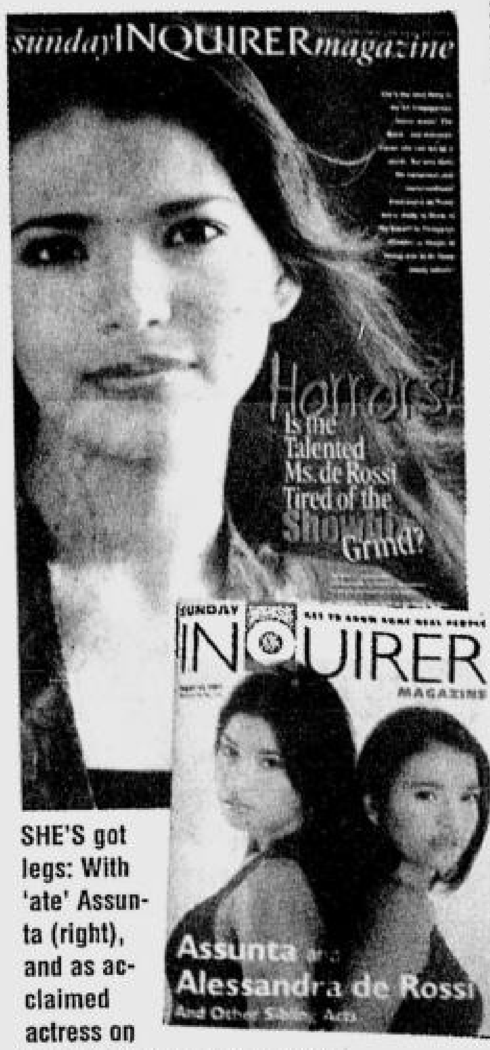

SHE'S got legs: With 'ate' Assunta (right), and as acclaimed actress on her own, four years later (left)

Alessandra DE ROSSI

OUR Aug. 12, 2001 cover featured sister act Assunta and Alessandra de Rossi. The blurb said it all: "Sweet and Saucy." "Sweet," 18-year-old, pre-Jules Assunta, fresh from her star-making turn in "Red Diaries," was the draw. "Saucy," 16-going-on-17 Alessandra, who was still in the "guesting" phase of her not-quite-a-career-yet, was just a bonus. But what a bonus she turned out to be.

Alessandra was a solo act when she next graced our cover on June 8, 2003. She and Assunta were still not on speaking terms after the latter went ahead and married Rep. Jules Ledesma in spite of her (and apparently, the rest of the country's) disapproval. But "Saucy" was proving to be the one with the legs (and we don't mean gams; in show biz parlance, "legs" means staying power). She startled everyone with her acting ability in the critically acclaimed *"Mga Munting Tinig,"* which was received well on the festival circuit.

We felt compelled to feature her again on Oct. 9, 2005 after hearing the favorable buzz about "The Maid," Singapore's entry into the Asian horror sweepstakes which featured Alessandra as the lead character, a Filipina domestic in Singapore who begins to "see dead people" after breaking a couple of taboos relating to the Chinese "month of hungry ghosts."

In her interview, Alessandra complained that she was beginning to tire of the show biz life and was considering retiring after another five years.

"Hindi naman sayang kasi kahit paano meron ka na ring napatunayan, meron ka na ring ipagmamalaki" (It's not a waste because, anyway, you proved something, you have something to be proud of), she said.

"The Maid" finally enjoyed a Manila theatrical run this year, further boosting the stock of our favorite sassy girl.

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Joseph ESTRADA

ONE can chart former president Joseph Estrada's career trajectory and changing public perceptions from SIM's cover stories on him over the last two decades: from senator to Vice President to President, and finally to soon-to-be-ex-President. We first featured the newly elected Sen. and Mrs. Joseph Estrada on our June 21, 1987 cover, with a story by Norma Japitana titled "Home is Where Loi Is."

Our next cover revealed his presidential aspirations in the blurb: "Daring the Odds" (Sept. 30, 1990). In her story "Joseph the Dreamer," writer Joann Maglipon wrote: "The man dismissed as least qualified for the presidency may yet have the last laugh."

Five years later, securely ensconced as Vice President and chairman of the Presidential Anti Crime Commission ("Hanging Tough," July 9, 1995), he could confess that as a senator, "listening to speeches made me sleepy."

Our July 5, 1998 issue trumpeted "Erap Estrada In His First Starring Role as President." The very next cover (July 12, 1998) was devoted to "Educating Erap," and the story by Niñez Cacho Olivares revealed how the two power blocs in Erap's cabinet, the Zamora group and the Aventajado group, checked and balanced each other.

By the next cover, the picture had changed considerably. Our March 28, 1999 cartoon cover featured "Erap's Family Tree," and the story (titled, tongue-in-cheek, "Father of the Country") outlined the six women and 10 children in his life (that we knew of).

The grim-faced Joseph Estrada on our Oct. 29, 2000 cover, vowing "I will never resign," was a very different man from the smiling, newly minted senator of 1987. Edsa Dos was only weeks away.

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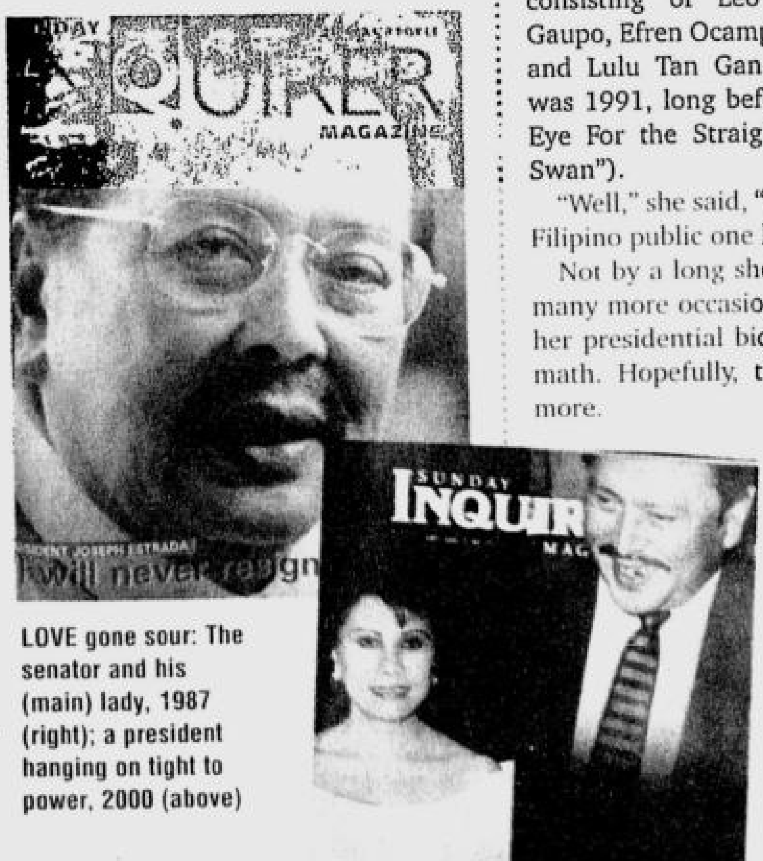

LOVE gone sour: The senator and his (main) lady, 1987 (right); a president hanging on tight to power, 2000 (above)

MADE over Miriam: "Amusing the Filipino public once more"

Miriam DEFENSOR SANTIAGO

IS SHE on Prozac?

In recent television interviews where she patiently explained the legality of Proclamation 1017, as well as its limitations under the Constitution, Sen. Miriam Defensor Santiago seems the very soul of rationality and equilibrium, keeping her head while others about her are losing theirs, so to speak.

Where are the venomous tirades that made her the most fearsome opponent in any debate? Where are the multisyllabic words strung into kilometric sentences, delivered in her inimitable diction ("the shoe-preme court...")

Where's the Brenda we've come to know and love?

We should have seen it coming, because the last time the feisty legal luminary was featured on our cover (May 4, 2003), the cover blurb read "The Mellowing of Miriam," where she confessed: "This is probably the happiest time in my life."

Of course, "mellow" is a relative term, and she still had enough of the old bile left to quip: "All intellectuals are entitled to be arrogant. That's the only way they can educate the non-intellectual."

Come to think of it, we've always caught her in her mellower moments. In our Sept. 8, 1991 cover story, she even allowed us to give her a makeover courtesy of a "fashion cabinet" consisting of Leo Espinosa, Cesar Gaupo, Efren Ocampo, Mike de la Rosa and Lulu Tan Gan. (Remember, this was 1991, long before Oprah, "Queer Eye For the Straight Girl" and "The Swan").

"Well," she said, "we shall amuse the Filipino public one last time."

Not by a long shot. There would be many more occasions in the run up to her presidential bid, and in the aftermath. Hopefully, there will be a lot more.

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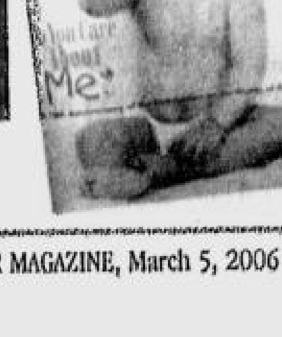
Hi, Mom! Guess who's on the cover of this week's Sunday Magazine?!



Photographer Joan Bondoc's son Julian, Nov. 14, 1999; he's now 7

Human Resource's Rose Viray and daughter Camille (now 10) in the June 13, 1999 issue

The author's son, nephew, daughter and niece, May 16, 1993. She's not related to the bird, though

The theory of relativity

by Pennie Azarcon-dela Cruz

ALRIGHT, we confess: we're guilty. Yes, dear readers, at one time or another these past 20 years, we've put assorted kith and kin on the cover of SUNDAY INQUIRER MAGAZINE. So sue us; we're just being irredeemably Pinoy.

And why did we do it? No, not for filthy lucre or a prominent place in some rich uncle's will. Not even for extra luggage space in a cousin's *balikbayan* box. We did it simply because they. were. there. Unlike friends, relatives are there when you need them most. Actually, even when you don't. Who else could we have cajoled at a moment's notice to pose—gratis—in a less than dignified manner? Thank God that in this mercenary world, you can always count on genes to come through for you in times of need. Of course it doesn't hurt that SIM's covers are shot by some of Inquirer's top photographers, and that the magazine is read by gadzillion of readers—or that our persuasive powers can't distinguish between hyperbole and a plain bald-faced lie.

But enough of the excuses. On this page, dear readers, are the willing accessories to our crime. No use hunting them down. Being related to the Inquirer folk should be punishment enough.

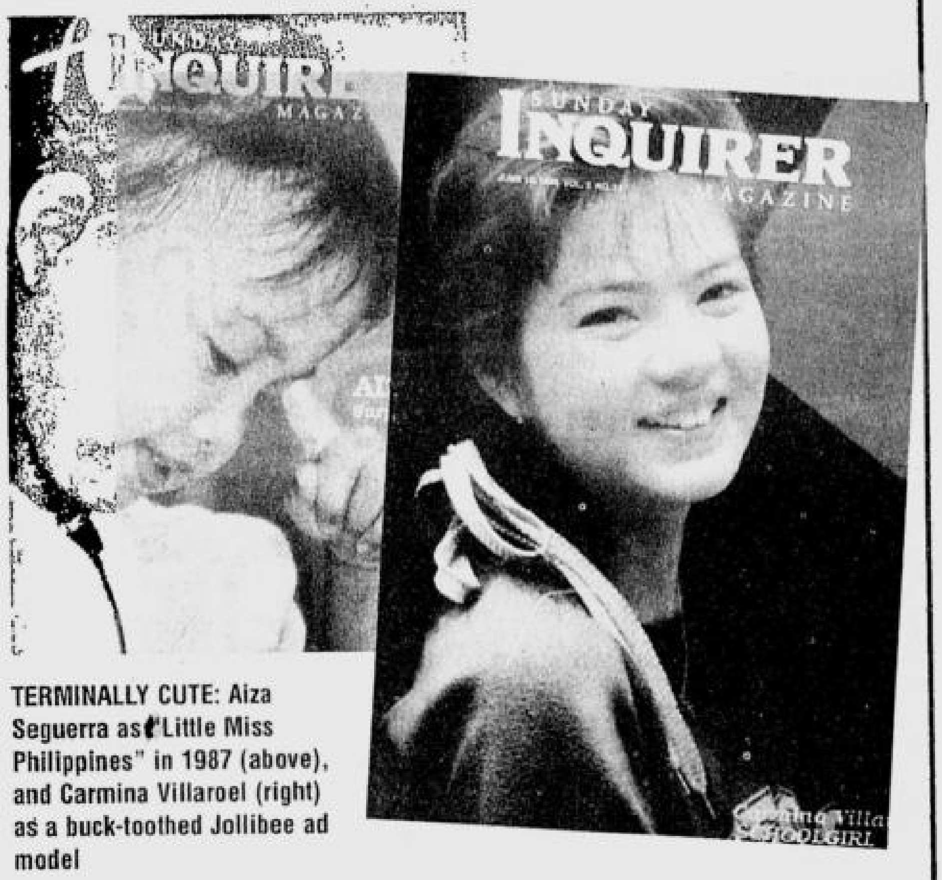
We knew them when

by Ruel S. De Vera

We featured them as kids long before they became promises fulfilled

WHETHER BY fortuitous circumstance or by design, SIM managed to frame the freshest faces in entertainment and other fields even before those self-same kids transformed into full-blown celebrities. Sometimes, it was easy, as with the recent example of the talented child actor Jiro Manio, who graced our cover on July 11, 2004 as his breakout role in the film "Magnifico" got people talking. Or take the case of the 12-year-old Jollibee model Carmina Villaroel (June 12, 1988), before she became a TV regular on "*Palibhasa Lalake.*"

There is even the case of the same celebrity appearing on our cover as a cute tyke straight out of "Little Miss Philippines" in 1987 and as Aiza Seguerra, the voice behind the radio-friendly "*Pagdating ng Panahon*" in 2001. Discovery and memory go hand in hand when celebrating promise fulfilled. After all, an 8-year-old Angelica Panganiban (Oct. 30, 1994), then with only two movies to her name, was perfectly comfortable as a cover girl long before she became a star.

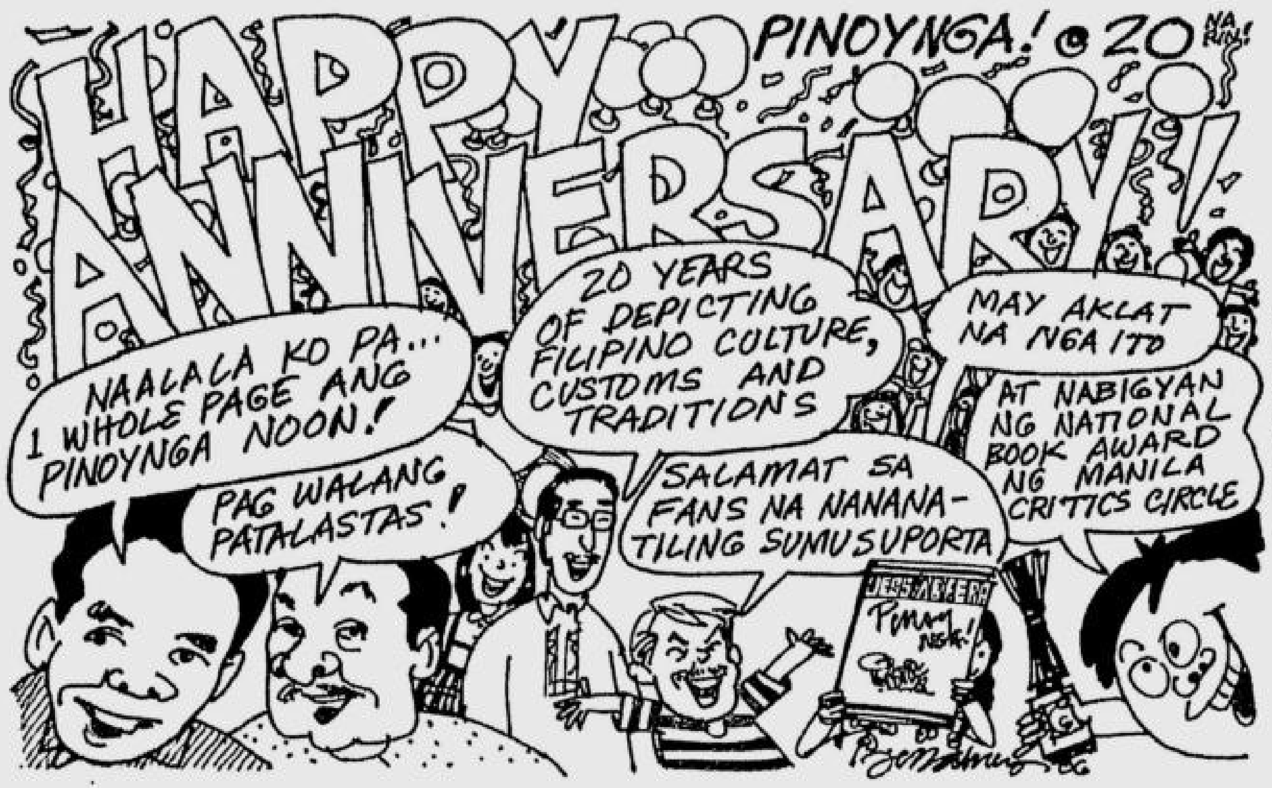


TERMINALLY CUTE: Aiza Seguerra as "Little Miss Philippines" in 1987 (above), and Carmina Villaroel (right) as a buck-toothed Jollibee ad model

Pinoy Nga!

by Jess Abrera

Pinoy Nga! 20 na rin!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Pinoy Nga!

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program manager and the owner's daughter. Oops.

Not too long after, her sister Bea took over the station.

Our cover story for January 29, 1995 hailed Dreams as the "Café For The Nineties." Our cover photo showed patrons enjoying their java while edifying themselves with a performance art piece featuring dancer Myra Beltran and the ethnic music group Waling-Waling. Ring any bells? Theater director Al Santos, the cafe's owner, thought this obscure corner of Paco was going to be the next Remedios. Alas, Dreams' time on this earth was short, for it soon fell prey to that bane of the artists' café—artists. We were off the mark by a decade, give or take, with that "Café for the Nineties" bit. So sue us.

Our cover photo for the January 31, 1999 issue should have raised the "hippie alert." It showed erstwhile psychic researcher and crystal healing advocate Riza Regis "Dancing For The Soul" as Nonoy Alcalde and Mike Tupas, resplendent in beads and batik, banged on ceramic drums. (Waitaminnit...Isn't that the same guy in the "Cafe For the Nineties" cover?)

The story, "Moving Toward Ecstasy," was about the trio's body movement workshop—essentially dancing to drumbeats—which they claimed would lead to "a feeling of well-being, more energy, and joy. At its highest levels, it can lead to ecstasy, when one is transported to a higher state of consciousness and experiences transcendent joy."

We swung in the opposite direction with our feature on law-and-order barangay captain Martin Diño (Feb. 28, 1999), whose claim to fame was sheltering and lending moral support to incest-rape victim Baby Echegaray. He was omnipresent during the heated debate on whether to carry out the death penalty meted Baby's father Leo, as pro- and anti-death penalty advocates clashed.

The burly barangay captain was so much in the limelight that people thought a political career was inevitable, but Diño said "I'm happy being a barangay captain."

The hubbub died down after Leo Echegaray got the needle. Diño now hosts a public service program on cable TV.

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But 10 years before a stroke felled him, the actor seemed prescient enough to muse in the same article: "At times when I think of death, I ask myself: What is it like being lifeless? What is in store for people who pass away?"

Alas, the actor who ran (and might have won) in the 2004 presidential elections, proved to be a mere mortal. On Dec. 14, 2004, he succumbed to a massive stroke after being in a coma for several days. The man who had never died in any of his movies proved vulnerable to the physical strain of the campaign hustings and, some say, the heartache of being cheated of the people's votes. In the end, however, his death only transformed FPJ into an even more potent legend as he became the opposition's rallying point for the ouster of President Arroyo. For starters, his death has turned his widow, demure actress Susan Roces, into an outspoken critic and a savvy political leader. Who knows where it will go from there? **PAC**

Marilou DIAZ-ABAYA

TEN YEARS back, she was known mainly for her critically-acclaimed women-focused movies and the risks she had taken to transmit feminist sensibilities through such movies as "*Brutal,*" "*Karnal,*" "*Moral*" and "Milagros." But even back then, the cover story of SIM's March 24, 1996 issue already revealed Marilou Diaz Abaya's passion for teaching: "I need to teach. I need to be with young people. I need to be questioned," she declared.

On Nov 8, 1998, the multi-awarded director talked about the remarkable experience of making "Jose Rizal" in time for the country's centennial. "I can't live forever, but maybe I can live a little longer in my films," she said of the movie that started her fruitful partnership with male lead Cesar Montano.

That collaboration eventually led to *"Bagong Buwan,"* a groundbreaking movie that tackles the Muslim-Christian conflict and, according to the director herself, was one of the best things that happened to her these past 20 years. Aside from harvesting awards here and abroad, the movie, according to Diaz-Abaya, "made me pray again and opened up an entirely new perspective for me from which to make films and live my life." Having lived in the war zone while doing the film also made her realize the impact of movies beyond entertainment. "It made me realize the capacity of films to heal and to blunt prejudices, especially in the context of Muslim-Christian relations. Filmmaking is peacemaking," she adds.

The director, who was nominated as one of 1,000 Women for the Nobel Peace Prize in 2005, is currently president and director of studies at the Asia-Pacific Film Institute, and continues to teach filmmaking and directing at the Ateneo de Manila. She also teaches and directs the video show "Men of Light" at the Archdiocese of Pampanga's Mary Good Counsel Seminary, and travels regularly to Mindanao as part of the interfaith Silsilah Dialogue for Peace Movement.

Despite the accolades, she remains a teacher at heart, says this subject of SIM's May 22, 2005 cover story. "Teaching has been a constant in my life. It had made me participate in so many generations of society in reinventing movie making and the film industry. Through the years—and I've been teaching for 26 years now—I get better and better as a teacher. But I also get better as a student."

The director's latest made-for-TV movie, *"Maging Aking Muli,"* a romantic comedy starring Noel Trinidad and Marvin Agustin, was produced by the Jesuit Communication Foundation and was telecast locally last December. The rest of her time is taken up by travels abroad, where she exhibits her films, gives lectures on filmmaking or acts as a juror.

With such a full schedule, doesn't it feel overwhelming at times? Well, says Diaz-Abaya, "Life is a journey and therefore a work in progress. Every effort at improving yourself is worth it." **PAC**

A MENTOR FIRST. Direk Marilou Diaz-Abaya talks as much about teaching as her movies

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Movies on Marilou's Mind

FRIZZ frame:The lawyer and the bowler, 1992 (right); in remission but still fighting, 2004 (far right)

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PCGG Chair Haydee Yorac
Still A Fighter After All These Years

Haydee YORAC

DON'T let the frizzy hair and piercing glare fool you: Haydee Yorac was a peacemaker. And for her role as chair of the National Unification Committee and Comelec commissioner, she thoroughly deserved the Filipino of the Year honors she shared with champion bowler Paeng Nepomuceno on the cover of SIM's Dec. 27, 1992 issue.

But Haydee was also devastatingly and refreshingly frank. Told that National Democratic Front leader Jose Ma. Sison wanted the peace talks negotiated abroad for fear of compromising his security here, the NUC chair had retorted: "I thought revolutionaries were not afraid to die. Aren't we all risking our lives here?"

Toughness defined the woman, and she defined it, too. "I may be tough, but according to (Lanao warlord) Ali Dimaporo, I also have charm!" she told **SIM** in a Sept. 7, 1997 cover story that focused on her run for the Senate. "What won't she ever do during the campaign even if it means getting more votes?" **SIM** had asked her, and she quipped, "Dance the Macarena!"

On the **SIM** Sept. 12, 2004 cover, the frightful locks were gone, replaced by a page boy wig that gave Haydee a much more sedate countenance. She was in remission from cancer and looked fine, though she didn't feel as dandy about her job. As chair of the Presidential Commission on Good Government, she had unearthed for the government millions of dollars of the Marcos ill-gotten wealth, but the compromises with the Marcos cronies, particularly over the controversial coconut levy funds, were unsettling. Months later, she resigned in disgust, to be replaced by what some quarters have described as "friendlier forces." On Sept. 13, 2005, Haydee Yorac passed away in Chicago of kidney failure due to cancer complications. She was 64. **SIM** never got to ask her the best thing that happened to her the past 20 years. Come to think of it, *she* was one of the best things that ever happened to us. **PAC**

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HER EXCELLENCY CORAZON COJUANGCO AQUINO
President of the Philippines

ENAMORED. SIM couldn't get enough of "Cory the Cute" and featured her 12 times in 20 years; this was the first for SIM's maiden issue.

Cory AQUINO

BLAME IT on the euphoria of Edsa I, but Marcos nemesis and first woman President Cory Aquino topped SIM's list of most covered subjects, with a total of 12 issues displaying her mug in photographs and cartoons.

In Volume 1, Number 1 dated March 9, 1986, "Her Excellency, Corazon Cojuangco Aquino, President of the Philippines" was introduced to the nation via the memories of a grade school classmate at St. Scholastica's College circa 1942. Marcia Sandoval remembers Cory as "a petite, quiet, most unassuming wisp of a girl" in fifth grade, one of the better players of "warball" (volleyball minus the net), who was totally immersed in her books, kept to herself and graduated class valedictorian.

The years would see how enamored SIM was with "Cory the Cute," documenting how the first woman Commander-in-Chief disarmed the army during the PMA graduation with a decent enough salute (March 30, 1986); how, 100 days into the presidency, she confessed to fighting the urge to blow her nose in public lest the cameras record it for posterity (June 8, 1986); and how she charmed Asean leaders and Washington during her state visits, where her only demands were a sparklingly clean bathroom and no smoking (Sept. 7, 1986, Sept. 14, 1986 and Oct. 5, 1986).

Then, poof! The honeymoon was over and it was time to size up the Presidency (July 16, 1989, Feb. 25, 1990, June 28, 1992).

Out of office and back home, Citizen Cory remembers Ninoy (Aug.16, 1992), and talks about adjusting to anonymity again (Sept. 21, 1997). Not easy, what with daughter Kris giving her "the worst crisis of (her) life" with lovechild Joshua by married actor Philip Salvador. This was years before Joey Marquez, STD and other Kris-is, but back then, who knew?

These days, Cory, 73, is back in the headlines as one of the leaders of the opposition calling for President Arroyo's resignation. The past eight months, she's been leading prayer rallies, marches and vigils, including a confetti shower during Edsa I's 20th anniversary, but to no avail.

Things could certainly go better this year for the former President, but Cory isn't complaining. "So many good things have happened to me these past 20 years," she tells SIM. "Now I know who my real friends are." Touché!

Pennie Azarcon-dela Cruz

NakakaLOKAAAH: **A fresh-faced Kris before went gaga over showbiz, 1986**

Kris AQUINO

SHE HAD always craved the limelight, and, initially infatuated with the chubby tyke who lisped her speeches during Ninoy's Laban rallies in the late '70s, we put her there. In eight SIM covers these past 20 years, and long before Pinoy Big Brother, the nation became privy to Kris Aquino's every thought, tick and tumble.

So there's Kris Aquino, as a fresh-faced 15-year-old high school junior at Colegio de San Agustin, in our June 22, 1986 issue. The presidential daughter wouldn't divulge her daily allowance but that early, already betrayed a trademark speech pattern: "If I give a sum, people will say, 'she's making *bola!* Or 'how *yabang!'* In the same issue, Kris admitted to being attracted to mestizo types. ("I don't know why, something colonial."). That is, until she met the dusky Philip Salvador.

A year later, the June 28, 1987 **SIM** issue documented Kris' first live performance on "Maria, Maria," where she bungled the dance number a few times, and watched her *"po"* and *"opo"* like a real pro. Kris the high school graduate was featured in the April 17, 1988 issue, where she was quoted as accepting without reservation, the royal treatment given her by all and sundry: "I'm gullible. Even at home, I'm the easiest person to fool."

Two days before she turned 18, on Feb. 12, 1989, Kris wore her heart on her sleeves with cover subject Alvin Patrimonio. Alas, he was already committed at that time, rued the lady. *"Kung ako lang ang gusto niya, ako lang wala nang iba* (If he wants me, it should only be me, nobody else)," she declared.

Kris turned showbiz crazy on the Sept. 16, 1990 cover with comedian Rene Requiestas, her co-star in "Pido Dida," with whom she had a kissing scene. To charges that she had gone de-classe with this move, she had shrugged: "Well, nobody's being forced to watch my show."

Things turned sour by Aug. 11, 1991, with the story "What's wrong with Kris (And why are they saying nasty things about her)?" Among other things, Kris had taken to showbiz lingo like a duck to bird flu, er, water: "They were going to tow my car. *NakakaLOKA!!*" She's *"baduy,* pathetic, trying hard," the story went on. Her singing was "atrocious and hopeless." Ignoring the tirades, Kris had insisted that she could do drama: "I'm also credible *na naaapi."*

And so on, as **SIM** chronicled Kris's every angst, insecurity, heartbreak and faux pas in its April 7, 1988, April 11, 1991 and Dec. 9, 2003 issues.

Since then, Kris Aquino has become ubiquitous, extending her proverbial 15 minutes of fame into what seems like a lifetime. Oops, there she is again—endorsing malls, selling bags, pants, liposuction, shampoo and skin whitening creams from giant Edsa billboards, gentrifying game shows with her distinct *kolehiyala* English, turning Filipino movies into unintended camp classics with her incredible acting, and spinning her lovelife into a sudsy telenovela in her talk show. The Woman Who Would Be Oprah even has her own magazine, K, obviously inspired by Winfrey's O.

Apparently, despite the frequent Kris-bashing, things are going well for this presidential daughter. The best thing that's happened to her these past 20 years? Well, she's not telling, says her assistant. She's saving all her words for K, he adds. Amazing! You mean she might actually run out of babble? Are we talking about the same Kris?

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SPEECHLESS. His action (movies) spoke louder than words.

Fernando POE JR.

DA KING does not speak, or so the legend goes about Fernando Poe Jr., whose movies have always projected him as the strong silent type. SIM's cover stories on FPJ have magnified that myth, with its writers reduced to comparing this taciturn man to Greek hero Achilles (Sept. 24, 1989) and rhapsodizing about Good versus Evil. In the Feb. 4, 1990 issue, it was the leading lady's turn to gush, and so Sharon Cuneta did, praising the actor cast as her bodyguard in the action-drama, *"Kahit Konting Pagtingin.*«

SIM had better luck on Nov. 27, 1994, when FPJ actually spoke more than a few words. In the story "The King with the Common Touch," the writer asked: "What's your idea of a real man?" A long pause; Da King seemed floored by the question. Then he replied, *"Ang hirap yatang sagutin yan* (That's a tough question to answer)."

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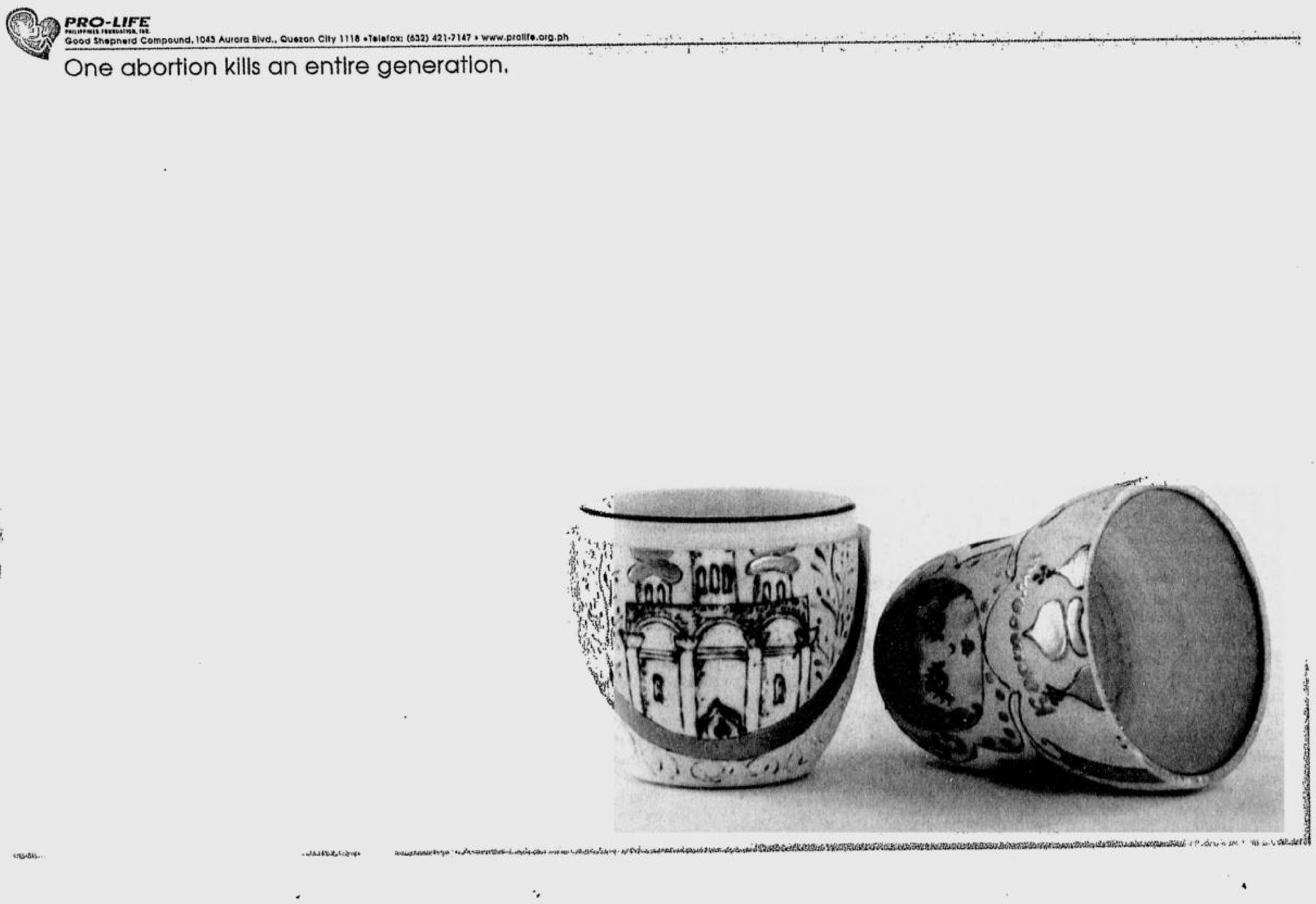
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